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SJ fireworks canceled

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The annual Independence Day fireworks show over Lake Michigan in St. Joseph is the latest victim of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meeting by Zoom, the St. Joseph City Commission voted Monday to cancel the July 3 fireworks, the largest city-sponsored event.

"We agree with the consensus of other organizations that have canceled large events. It does not seem that it will be possible to safely welcome such an event to our community at that time," City Manager John Hodgson told the commission. "In another action that until recently would be unimaginable, staff recommends canceling the 2020 Independence Day fireworks show."

Hodgson said that of all the items on Monday's meeting agenda, "This is the toughest. So many of our cultural events are not going to be possible this year. We've lost a lot of events. Six months ago this would have been unimaginable."

Mayor Mike Garey commented, "These activities represent who we are. But we have to deal with what's going on locally. Another community may not be impacted. We are."

The second-largest city-sponsored event in St. Joseph is Movies in the Park. Hodgson said at this point, staff does not yet recommend cancelling the movies because by their nature they are more suited to social distancing, with residents bringing their own chairs or blankets and being able to set up in family groups with some separation. But Movies in the Park, if held, is likely to see some changes, he said.

"The activities (such as) the bounce house and games that were added to the program last year would be eliminated," he

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Don Campbell / HP file photo

Fireworks are reflected in the waters of the West Basin Marina during last year's Fourth of July fireworks display in St. Joseph.

Reducing the 'Tower of Babel'

Don Campbell / HP staff

Dave Agens is retiring after 40 years with Berrien County. He started with the sheriff's department, and then spent the last 19 years as the county's 911 administrator.

Retired Berrien 911 Director Dave Agens reflects on career in emergency communications

One week into retirement, former Berrien County 911 director Dave Agens said it doesn't seem real.

"It's still sinking in, but it's nice switching gears," said Agens, 62. "I do have two new grandbabies, and I really want to get more into their lives."

His last day on the job was April 29.

He retired after working for the county for 40 years – the first 21 in the sheriff's office and the last 19 as the 911 administrator.

When asked if he has any hobbies, he said that's what he's looking forward to developing.

"With 911 and the police career that I had, I never developed any hobbies," he said. "I don't golf or any of that stuff. My mind has never been too far from work. The pace of a 911 director – we're 24/7. We're always open. We never close."

Agens spoke with Staff Writer Louise Wrege recently about his time with the county and his future plans.

What was your first job with the county?

I was a jail deputy at the sheriff's department under Nick Jewell.

Then I, basically, worked different divisions through my career with the sheriff's department. I was there 21 years. I went into patrol, and I did some time with narcotics investigations. Then I got into dispatching at the dispatch center at the sheriff's office when they had one.

The county commissioners offered me a job for 911 coordinator (in 1999) because they saw a need to try and streamline and consolidate the 911 services in the county. At the time, we had five 911 centers, and we're a county of small communities. It was very fragmented. They saw a need on the county level to streamline communications.

When I first started in it, it was a little

Q&A
Dave Agens

disappointing because we weren't getting much interest in consolidating. The recession helped drive those decisions. Tax revenues just weren't enough for communities to maintain separate communication systems that are expensive to operate.

Since we've consolidated, we've gotten new generations of public safety commanders and they don't even realize what we used to do.

The five 911 centers each had different systems?

Yes. They answered their own calls, and they used pretty much their own radio

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ST. JOSEPH

City to increase water rates

Bills to go up about 10 percent starting July

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — City residents will see an increase in their quarterly water bills starting with the July 1 billing cycle.

The St. Joseph City Commission on Monday passed a resolution raising the water, sewer and utility system development rates by about 10 percent.

For the average household using 20 units of water per quarter, the increase will amount to $17.18 per quarter, or $5.73 per month, Finance Director Deborah Koroch said.

The average quarterly increase breakdown is as follows: about $4.27 for water, $5.69 for sewer and $7.22 for system development.

Korach said the utility rate increase comes after rate studies determined that the current water and sewer rates are not sufficient to meet the annual cash requirements of the water and sewer funds and an increase is necessary. Further, she said a city utility system development fee study conducted in April confirmed the need to raise the system development fee to fund on-going water utility improvements within the system, including a new state mandate that water suppliers begin a program to replace all lead water services, as well as galvanized services previously connected to lead.

Commissioner Laura Goos said it's a difficult time financially for many residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic and she asked whether there is a different way to pay for water and sewer system operation and

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COVID-19 rates reflect inequalities in Berrien County

50 percent of deaths have been black people

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Only about 15 percent of Berrien County's population is black, but 50 percent of the county's COVID-19 deaths have been black people.

"It's not individuals behaviors, it's structural systems that have impacted us disproportionally," said Jerry Price, manager of diversity and inclusion at Spectrum Health Lakeland, during a virtual Community Grand Rounds Monday afternoon.

The event, available to watch in its entirety on the Community Grand Rounds Facebook page, (www.facebook.com/communitygrandrounds/videos/687746331798275/) covered how COVID-19 has had an impact on Benton Harbor, Benton Heights and Benton Township.

While 50 percent of the deaths have been black people, only 34 percent of the confirmed and presumed cases have been black people.

Lynn Todman, executive director of population health at Spectrum Health Lakeland, served as moderator for the panel-like event.

"I often hear people say we're in this together, but in fact, we're not," she said. "Some of us are weathering this storm in yachts, others in sailboats and dinghies, and many others are actually in the water trying their best to keep their noses above the water line."

Price said the people in the Benton Harbor ZIP code were already socially distanced before COVID-19 from good education, health care and healthy foods.

"When there's too much distance, you start to see the development of chronic diseases," he said.

People with underlying conditions and chronic diseases, like diabetes, heart issues, kidney disease and COPD, are more at risk for getting, being hospitalized for and dying from COVID-19.

Those underlying diseases are

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more common in predominantly African American communities because of systemic racism toward those communities, the panel agreed.

In addition, they said, many people in the community have essential jobs or ones that can't been done from home, putting them at higher risk of contracting COVID-19.

Todman said it's too easy to blame people for being sick and dying, or believe the causes are genetic or behavioral in origin.

"When in fact, they can be traced back to systems, practices and public policy in areas like housing, education and economic development," she said.

Price said this pandemic has put a spotlight on the disparities that many places have had for decades.

Pastor Jamie Cervantes, of First Church of God in Benton Heights, called Benton Harbor a community ripe for catastrophe with all the crises, health and economic-wise, already existing in the community.

He said health usually equals wealth. The panel agreed.

The panel said the best way to move forward, and help Benton Harbor in the future, is to work together and rebuild some of those racist systems.

"We are all interconnected," Price said. "The sooner we realize that, and realize that if one person is not free, none of us are free, the better off we'll be. We all have to be allies and work together to become each others allies."

Count update

There are now 401 cumulative confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Berrien County as of Monday. That's an increase of 25 cases since Friday. That's also an increase of 102 cases since last Monday. The previous week the county added 86 cases.

With 227 people now recovered from the virus in the county, and 25 deaths, there are 149 active cases.

Berrien County is now up to 25 COVID-19 deaths, a rise of three since Friday and six since last Monday when the county sat at 19 deaths.

The prior week, the county recorded five deaths, and in the week before that there were also six deaths.

The Berrien County Health Department reported the deaths over the weekend were that of two men over the age of 80 and one woman over the age of 90, all who had underlying medical conditions.

The county is still sitting at about 175 presumed positive cases – a number that fluctuates frequently based on testing. That's one more case since Friday and one less case than last Monday.

Four people are in the intensive care unit at Spectrum Health Lakeland with COVID-19 and 14 are hospitalized in the general COVID-19 unit.

The county has 62 cases of COVID-19 in its skilled nursing long-term care facilities.

Van Buren County saw two additional deaths over the weekend, bringing the county's total to four deaths. The county had been sitting at two deaths for nearly a month.

The county now has 93 cumulative cases, with 26 people recovered as of Friday.

Van Buren gained 12 cases since Friday and about 24 since last Monday.

Cass County now has 42 cases, an addition of three cases since Friday and eight cases since last Monday.

The county has 18 recovered as of Friday, and two deaths.

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LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
4C-5C-4D-8D-7H
Midday Daily 3
9-9-8
Midday Daily 4
8-8-4-1
Daily 3
9-8-0
Daily 4
6-8-6-8
Fantasy 5
02-03-08-27-28
Keno
01-07-10-11-12-18-21-23-24-25-26-30-33-35-44-46-47-49-56-72-74-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$248 million
Powerball jackpot
$77 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
12-32-33-43-44
Cash4Life
01-06-15-17-36, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
02-07-12-16-21-25-26-28-31-32-37-50-51-55-60-66-68-69-78-79, BE: 51
Daily Three-Midday
9-3-3, SB: 4
Daily Three-Evening
3-1-9, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
3-3-9-3, SB: 4
Daily Four-Evening
3-3-1-1, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
05-09-12-16-19-25-26-29-31-33-34-35-54-58-59-64-66-68-79-80, BE: 29

Illinois

LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-07-21-29-41
Estimated jackpot
$1 million
Pick Three-Midday
7-9-1, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
3-3-5, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Midday
4-6-4-9, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Evening
9-8-9-1, Fireball: 4
Lucky Day Lotto
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GOP lawmakers want Detroit school decision tossed

By ED WHITE
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DETROIT — The Michigan Legislature is asking a federal appeals court to set aside a groundbreaking decision that recognized a constitutional right to education and literacy in Detroit schools.

The House and Senate are controlled by Republicans, who said managing K-12 education is a job for state and local officials, not the federal judiciary. Lawmakers are asking the full 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reopen the case and start over.

Cases are heard by three-judge panels at the appeals court. But the full court also has the power to take a vote, set aside a decision and hear arguments with multiple judges again if a case "involves a question of exceptional importance."

On April 23, the court said students at poor performing, dilapidated Detroit schools are entitled to a basic minimum education under the U.S. Constitution. The 2-1 decision could lead to millions of dollars in new spending in the years ahead.

"No one would say that the Detroit public schools are performing at the level they should," said John Bursch, an attorney who filed the petition for the House and Senate. "But the answers for solving that problem cannot come from federal court supervision based on the creation of fundamental rights that no one would have recognized in the text of the (constitution's) due process clause."

Separately, state school board members Tom McMillin and Nikki Snyder, both Republicans, also want the case reconsidered.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, replaced Republican Gov. Rick Snyder as a defendant in the lawsuit after she was elected in 2018. It's not known if Whitmer will ask the court to take a second look.

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said. He cautioned that the entire event is subject to future developments related to the pandemic.

Hodgson said the Municipal Band concerts also face a challenge. He said if held, the concerts are likely to take on a different format than concert-goers are used to. He said it seems difficult for the full band to remain socially distanced in the space available at the band shell, and impossible for brass and woodwind players to be masked while playing. In addition, he said, much of the typical audience is comprised of vulnerable people.

He said the band is exploring ways to still bring their talents to the community, with options including virtual performances, smaller ensembles or alternate venues where musicians and audience members could be distanced. He said information about virtual performances will be posted on the city's website.

Hodgson said discussions continue concerning the YMCA summer recreation program in the city, the Southshore tennis program and other recreation programs such as St. Joseph Baseball Association and North Lincoln Baseball Association programs.

The city manager said staff has no formal recommendation at this point concerning these programs.

Commissioners Lynn Todman, Peggy Getty and Laura Goos said they prefer to err on the side of caution.

"There's just too much we don't know," Todman said. "The idea that we could even contemplate putting children together ... my recommendation is that we talk to the health department."

Getty agreed the city should "pull in the experts," and Goos said kids don't keep boundaries when it comes to distancing.

Commissioner Jeffrey Richards, who is a veterinarian, said, "The only predictable thing about viruses is their unpredictability."

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systems and their own frequencies that not all the responders would have access to. So if they were trying to assist each other or hear information about something that was coming their way, like a car chase, the communications were very fragmented and they got overwhelmed because there was just too much information to relay back and forth between units on different systems. The information wasn't timely anymore, and they weren't being as effective as they could be.

They'd listen to cross talk on scanners and try to catch what they could but it wasn't a two-way system where they could talk directly with each other.

Now we have the county consolidated dispatch center and the only single community dispatch center is Niles.

Looking back, is it working better?

Yes, I think it's proven that we've been able to eliminate a lot of the chaos of trying to relay information, some critical information, in a timely fashion between agencies. Operating on disparate communication systems, it becomes overwhelming the larger the situation was. Now that we're on an interoperable system, some people refer to it as the 800 system, it has the capacity to allow agencies to talk on their own talk groups. And yet, when we have a critical situation, we can put any combination of police, fire and EMS together on the situation and they can communicate directly.

It reduces that Tower of Babel that you think about in the Old Testament.

How does that work out having Niles separate?

We give each other a buffer. If a disastrous situation is occurring at either center, we can bug out and basically have room to take on each other's call volume. We've used funding through 911 to put extra positions down there so if we have to, we can operate on an emergency basis down in Niles, and visa versa.

Any other big changes you've seen in 911 over the years?

Well, one of the biggest was when we went from landline 911 technology to wireless. It's obviously convenient for folks to have a wireless phone and communicate from wherever they're at and not just from a fixed location. It's really changed rapidly. It's almost all wireless now in terms of our 911 calls. I believe over 90 percent of our 911 calls are from wireless phones.

Another big change is people being able to text 911 from their devices and us being able to track the device. Talking to people, even if they are in a panicked situation, it's often better than to try to text back and forth what is happening. But it makes sense in certain circumstances if you're hiding from an intruder, it's a better way to communicate with 911.

We've had people with their houses broken into and they're hiding and we get the police in there before the intruder can get to them. With the technology, we're overcoming chaos better than before.

What's next?

Right now, the systems a lot of fire departments use are still on the conventional VHF. It's separate from the 800 system. Again, we're relaying back and forth, trying to get multiple agencies together. Being able to convert them to the 800 system would be a great improvement. We applied for a couple grant cycles and we didn't get the grants, but we've been able to move forward with some local funds and at least get some of our paging converted over to 800. We're working on that right now.

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maintenance.

City Manager John Hodgson said it would not be illegal for the city to take money from another fund, such as the general fund, but that may not be fair to taxpayers. He noted that the city's general fund budget depends largely on property taxes.

"People who don't pay property taxes could be the biggest users of water. Utilities are intended and expected to recover their costs through rates and usage," Hodgson said.

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Lakeshore planning for cuts

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore Public Schools is preparing for a "new normal" in the fall by developing 16 different plans to deal with the expected ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Superintendent Phil Freeman told school board trustees during their virtual meeting Monday.

Those plans include four scenarios of expected cuts in the amount of money the district will get from the state per pupil.

Many businesses and all K-12 schools were ordered in March to close temporarily by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in an effort to slow the spread of the virus.

Freeman said the full negative economic impact of this response has yet to be fully measured. But he said that superintendents were told to prepare for deep cuts not only in the 2020-21 school year, but in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

That message was sent April 30 in a joint memo from the Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators, Michigan School Business Officials and Michigan Association of School Boards.

"While there is no clarity yet about the extent of deterioration in the state's revenue base, the administration has said that our revenues combined in the General Fund/School Aid Fund could be below budgeted estimates by $1 billion-$3 billion this fiscal year and between $1 billion and $4 billion next fiscal year," the memo states. "For illustration purposes only: All else being equal, a $1 billion decline in revenue in the School Aid Fund translates to a cut of approximately $685 per student."

By law, Freeman said school boards must approve a budget by June 30, which is before the economic impact will probably be known. If the cut is $250 per student, he said the district will receive $693,750 less from the state. Other scenarios the district is planning for are a cut of $500 per students ($1.4 million), a cut of $750 per student ($2.1 million) and a cut of $1,000 per student ($2.8 million).

"To complicate matters, we're unsure what impact, if any, the events surrounding COVID-19 will play ... on student enrollment in the fall," he said.

He said the projections assume that enrollment stays the same at 2,775 students. In the current school year, the district receives $8,111 per student.

Freeman said the district has already frozen hiring, nonessential budgets and major purchases. In addition, he said the district is tracking COVID-19 related expenses in the hopes that at least some will be reimbursed through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

He said Michigan has been approved to receive almost $390 million in federal money, with MDE awarding the money to eligible school districts based on the 2019-20 Title 1, Part A funding formula as required by the CARES Act. Lakeshore schools are expected to receive $185,703.

"When you compare that to the cuts that we just talked about, that's just a drop in the bucket," he said. "... It's very frustrating not to know where we're going with this but we're hoping that we'll get some clarity come Friday, when we have the (state) budget estimating conference taking place in Lansing."

Budget cuts is just one variable the district is planning for. Freeman said the district is also developing four scenarios on what learning could look like in the fall.

He said the scenarios range from having a traditional school opening with no changes to having remote learning continuing.

"The latest information that I have is that it's unlikely for us to have a (traditional) start," he said. "But, again, that is based on the current models and those are changing on a daily basis."

He said they are also developing a hybrid plan if the state mandates social distancing in the classrooms.

"We've done some measurements in classrooms ... and right now, it appears that at the elementary schools, the most students we could get in with social distancing in any of the classrooms would be from nine to 11 students," he said.

He said half of the students could attend in the morning, with the other half attending in the afternoon. Or, he said the district could develop a Monday-Wednesday, Tuesday-Thursday schedule.

"We're looking at a lot of different options," he said. "Obviously, a hybrid solution wouldn't be an ideal situation, but if we're pressed to open schools and we're pressed to social distance at the same time, we have to look at that as one of our options."

The fourth scenario the district is looking at is what the school year would look like if there is a normal start with intermittent closures due to COVID-19.

"For example, if we get started, we're in for two, three weeks and all of the sudden there's either a spike in COVID cases in our area or we have a case specifically in one of our schools, we could be looking at closure for 14 to 28 days," he said.

Freeman said they want to have the plans ready to go so the district isn't caught off guard.

"We're trying to be prepared with four different scenarios for the budget and four different scenarios on how we're going to deliver our education," he said. "Within each of those delivery models, we've got to look at four different budgets as well. So basically, it's going to be 16 different plans."

He said the district is creating three committees to create contingency plans – the Return to School Committee, Pandemic Response Committee and the Wellness Committee.

"We do not want to lose sight of the stress that this is creating for our students, for our staff and for our families and community," he said.

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IN FULL BLOOM

Don Campbell / HP staff

Double tulips bloom recently at Andrews University in Berrien Springs.

'Prepared to weather this storm'

SJ school board braces for cuts to state funding

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — There are still a lot of unknowns for St. Joseph Public Schools as the school year comes to an end.

As state restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic are expected to expire this summer, Superintendent Thomas Bruce told the school board Monday night to be prepared for potential reductions to the 2019-20 state revenue payment.

"This will be a decent punch. A lot of the specifics are still unknown," he said. "We've been told to be prepared for a $200 to $500 to $650 reduction per student (in state funding). We want to be diligent as we go through these difficult changes."

Bruce said there is a possibility for a proration scenario where the state looks at getting some of its funding back from school districts this year. However, he said nothing is set in stone yet.

The last time the state went the proration route with the district, it came through the reduction from the total amount of payment in the following school year.

The district wouldn't have to pay anything back, but it would get less money heading into the new year if the state were to choose proration.

Vice President Kerry Wright said it's because of situations like these that the board has strived to maintain a strong fund balance.

"We're prepared to weather this storm," Wright said. "There will be tough sledding ahead, but the whole leadership team has done a great job preparing us."

Bruce said his staff is also focusing on how it intends to get students back in the classroom with teachers.

"We're trying to be mindful of the safety of our teachers, students, custodial staff and bus drivers," Bruce said. "As students leave school and come home, we want to maintain safety for their families as well."

He said the hardest part about trying to schedule a safe return to school is the lack of guidelines at this time.

Bruce said the district's administration is working on different options that it would be feasible to run with in the fall.

"We will make those decisions in step with local school districts and health officials," Bruce said. "We're working with other superintendents, agencies and districts to make the best decisions."

The board also approved the list of 2020 graduating seniors based on the assumption that all work and requirements are completed.

Bruce said the district's last date it could hold a graduation ceremony would be July 26 – the last Sunday in July.

"My thought on that is it is as late into the summer as we can do this," Bruce said. "It has to be before they go to college, into the military or start their gap year. It is also as late into the summer as we can get. The plan is to walk them across the stage. If we have to make adoptions on social distancing, then we will."

Last week the district handed out graduation signs to seniors to have them placed in their yards.

The next board meeting is at 6 p.m. on June 8 at the district's administration office, assuming the state has reduced restrictions.

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WATERVLIET SCHOOLS

Finalists selected in principal search

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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WATERVLIET — Watervliet High School should have a new principal by the end of next week.

The coronavirus pandemic has slowed down the process, but Superintendent Ric Seager said it's been moving along recently via technology.

He reported to the Watervliet School Board Monday night that four finalists have been selected out of 17 original applicants.

A panel of school officials and board members will interview the final four candidates today via video conferencing.

Seager said two will then be selected for a final presentation and interview early next week, then a job will be offered by the end of next week.

He said he's excited about the candidates because three of them have been high school principals before.

This is the second high school principal search the district has done this school year, after not finding a candidate they liked the first time.

Curriculum Director Susan Toothman has been serving as high school principal since the beginning of the school year last fall after previous principal, Brad Coon, left for another job.

In other business, the district hired three new special education teachers, one which will teach at North Elementary School and two which will teach at the high school.

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One injured in crash

By HP STAFF

SAWYER — A woman from Three Oaks was seriously injured Saturday after she lost control of her vehicle and hit a tree.

The Berrien County Sheriff's Office did not release the name of the 20-year-old woman or provide an update on her condition Monday.

Police said it happened at about 6:50 a.m. as the driver was traveling on South Pardee Road near Sawyer Road in Weesaw Township. The crash remains under investigation by the Berrien County Sheriff's Office Accident Investigation Unit. Based on a preliminary investigation, police believe the driver lost control on the gravel road, with the vehicle leaving the roadway to the left and hitting a tree.

The driver, the only occupant of the vehicle, was trapped and had to be freed by Weesaw and Lake Township firefighters using the "Jaws of Life" tool. She was taken to Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, by Medic 1 ambulance, and was later flown by Air Care to a Kalamazoo area hospital.

Police said speed appears to have been a factor and the driver was not wearing a seat belt.

Besides the two fire departments and Medic 1 personnel, Berrien County sheriff's deputies were assisted at the scene by Baroda-Lake Township police, Chikaming Township police and Michigan State Police.

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IN BRIEF

Ironman triathlon canceled for 2020

BENTON HARBOR — The Ironman 70.3 Steelhead triathlon, originally scheduled for June 28, will not take place in 2020.

The Ironman Group, which organizes all Ironman triathlons, announced in a news release Monday that the race was canceled and is expected to return in 2021.

The decision comes a week after race officials postponed the race, following the city of Benton Harbor's announcement of the cancellation of all summer events at Jean Klock Park.

The park was set to host the Steelhead Triathlon for the 18th time in June. However, the city cited the increased number of COVID-19 cases on the west side of the state for canceling all festivals, concerts and events at the park.

All registered athletes of the 2020 triathlon will receive an email with further information.

Cook Unit 2 returned to service

BRIDGMAN — Cook Nuclear Plant's Unit 2 was returned to service early Monday morning after being shut down since May 1.

The reactor was removed from service as a result of a small leak discovered on a pipe in the unit's pressurizer spray system.

Repairs were made to the pressurizer spray system and Unit 2 was back up and running at 1:07 a.m. Monday.

Bangor man faces drug charges

BANGOR — A 45-year-old Bangor man faces drug-related charges after police officers observed an alleged drug deal occurring in town over the weekend.

The Bangor Police Department on Saturday received information about possible drug activity going on in the 1200 block of Greenhouse Road. During a surveillance of the area, officers observed an alleged drug deal occurring near a vehicle, according to Police Chief Tommy Simpson. The driver of the vehicle was told to stop. Officers saw suspected methamphetamine and obtained a search warrant. After receiving the warrant officers found suspected meth, scales and cash.

The man, whose name was not provided, was arrested and taken to Van Buren County Jail. Bangor Police were assisted by the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

Coloma schools buys van to aid in food delivery

COLOMA — Coloma Community Schools will soon add a new vehicle to its fleet.

The school board approved buying a van for the food services department at its meeting Monday night.

The van will aid in the delivery of meals to students in the district during the coronavirus closure of schools.

Superintendent Dave Ehlers said while buses have been used for this so far, the van will be more useful for delivery to students who live in farther out areas.

The $32,000 for the van will come out of the food service budget.

Ehlers said the district has served about 90,000 meals since the start of the school closure.

MLB owners OK plan that could lead to July start

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball owners gave the go-ahead Monday to making a proposal to the players' union that could lead to the coronavirus-delayed season starting around the Fourth of July weekend in ballparks without fans, a plan that envisioned expanding the designated hitter to the National League for 2020.

Spring training could start in early to mid-June, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the plan were not announced.

MLB officials are slated to make a presentation to the union on Tuesday. An agreement with the players' association is needed, and talks are expected to be difficult – especially over a proposal for a revenue split that would be unprecedented for baseball. Players withstood a 7 1/2-month strike in 1994-95 to fight off such a plan.

"If you do anything that resembles a cap, that smells like a cap, you've given too much," said Dave Stewart, a four-time 20-game winner who is now an agent and spent two years as Arizona's general manager.

Each team would play about 82 regular-season games: against opponents in its own division plus interleague matchups limited to AL East vs. NL East, AL Central vs. NL Central and AL West vs. NL West.

Postseason play would be expanded from 10 clubs to 14 by doubling wild cards in each league to four.

Teams would prefer to play at their regular-season ballparks but would switch to spring training stadiums or neutral sites if medical and government approvals can't be obtained for games at home. Toronto might have to play home games in Dunedin, Florida.

"We'll see where we will be in July," said California Gov. Gavin Newsom, whose state is the home of five MLB clubs and who has talked with baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred. "We certainly look forward to Major League Baseball and all sports resuming. But again, the question is when and that will be determined on the basis of public health and public safety and the spread of this virus."

The All-Star Game, scheduled for Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on July 14, likely would be called off.

Medical issues will be at the forefront of talks along with economics.

"Bear with me, but it feels like we've zoomed past the most important aspect of any MLB restart plan: health protections for players, families, staff, stadium workers and the workforce it would require to resume a season," Washington pitcher Sean Doolittle tweeted. "What's the plan to ethically acquire enough tests? ... What's the protocol if a player, staff member, or worker contracts the virus?"

Teams will propose that players receive the percentage of their 2020 salaries based on a 50-50 split of revenues MLB receives during the regular-season and postseason, which likely will be among the most contentious aspects of the proposal during negotiations with the players' association.

Mark Black / AP

An American flag is unfurled in the outfield during the playing of the National Anthem before the start a baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers on July 4, 2019.

That proposal would take into account fans being able to return to ballparks at some point, perhaps with a small percentage of seats sold at first and then gradually increasing.

Baseball players have refused to consider even the frameworks for the type of revenue splits that have been agreed to by unions in the NFL, NBA and NHL.

Rosters would be expanded from 26 to around 30. With minor leagues shuttered, there likely will be the addition of about 20 players per club akin to the NFL's practice squad.

UFC's return could provide blueprint for other professional sports leagues

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — UFC President Dana White wanted a major fight card weeks ago. He was confident his team could pull it off whether it took place on a tribal land, on a private island or in any of the 10 states offering to host it.

Coronavirus testing. Fan-free arena. Social distancing. Self-isolation. White looked at all those unprecedented details that seemed too complex and too risky to some outsiders as merely extra challenges.

"I knew we could do this," he said following UFC 249 on Saturday night. "I knew we could figure it out. Even with all the hurdles that we had early on, this has been fun. It's been challenging and it's been fun.

"I know that sounds a little demented to say I've had fun going through this. It's been challenging and I've enjoyed the whole game of it, if you will."

White and the UFC look like the big winners following their rousing show at Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville, an event that could serve as a blueprint for other sports leagues around the country and the world as they start to resume during a global pandemic.

John Raoux / AP

A worker sprays sanitizer in the octagon between bouts during a UFC 249 mixed martial arts competition on Saturday.

The NFL, NBA, NHL, Major League Baseball and NASCAR, all of them had to have an eye on how the UFC approached and handled the first major human-centric sporting event in the U.S. since the new coronavirus shuttered much of the country nearly two months ago. The UFC created a 25-page document to address health and safety protocols, which included disinfecting the octagon between bouts and mandating tests and masks for nearly everyone in attendance.

The spotlight only intensified when one fighter, Jacaré Souza, and two of his cornermen tested positive for COVID-19 a day before the stacked card.

Souza was pulled from the fight and removed from the hotel where hundreds of UFC employees are staying this week. The UFC's medical team continues to provide assistance and is helping with necessary treatment, White said.

The UFC has two more fight nights scheduled this week in Jacksonville, beginning Wednesday, and plans to administer more than 1,000 more coronavirus tests for everyone scheduled to take part.

"However it was handled this week, this was our first week," White said. "It will only get better. And we can share what we learned here doing three events with other sports leagues who are reaching out to us and asking.

"A lot can be learned by what we're doing here. Not just for professional sports but for sending people back to work and lot of other things in life." White said he never considered postponing UFC 249 following Souza's positive test and got support from the Florida Athletic Commission, the governor and local authorities. The show went on and, by most accounts, got rave reviews.

Justin Gaethje stunned Tony Ferguson in the main event, earning a TKO in a lightweight bout that set the winner up to fight titleholder Khabib Nurmagomedov next. Henry Cejudo, with blood gushing from his head and dripping down his chest, defended his bantamweight title against Dominick Cruz and then announced his retirement.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Look at every angle of each situation you encounter this year and follow a strategic path that leaves little room for error. Staying on top of matters will help eliminate uncertainty and head off detrimental situations. Trust your intuition and experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have more opportunities than you realize. Don't let uncertainty cost you. Rely on your ability to get things done. Gossip may tempt you, but if you join in, it will backfire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take advantage of what's available. Learn from experience and avoid repeating past mistakes. Sign up for a correspondence course or take an online tour of a museum or gallery.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Review your financial situation and make adjustments. Don't let anyone take advantage of you or put you in a vulnerable position. Protect yourself against con artists and distorted information.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Avoid joint ventures. You'll profit most if you avoid acting in haste or investing in someone else's idea. Do your own thing and be prepared to give it your all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Look at the bright side of every situation, and you'll come out a winner. Knowing when to walk away will be what prevents you from getting trapped in an emotional loss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A disciplined routine will help you get things done on time. Stick to basics, refuse to let others sidetrack you and make personal gains and better health your priorities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Evasiveness in communications should be a warning sign. Don't be afraid to ask direct questions and investigate existing factors that could ruin your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't believe everything you hear. Be aggressive, take charge and refuse to let anyone play with your emotions. Don't make impulsive financial decisions. Personal improvement should be your focus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Spend time with people who bring out the best in you. Share a memory or make plans that will improve your living arrangements. Be unique and do things differently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't hold back. Speak your mind and be willing to put in the time and effort to follow through with your plans. A positive change at home will alleviate uncertainty.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do what you can for others, but not at the expense of your well-being. Know when to draw the line and say no. Protect your home, family and health.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful with whom you associate today. Someone will mislead you with an exaggerated opinion. Don't get upset over something you cannot change. Look for a positive outlet that will calm your nerves.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Reassures Rover
5 Crusty dessert
8 Packs grocery purchases
12 Not include
13 Expertise
14 Sinister
15 Jazz singer — Simone
16 In a safe manner
18 Pines for
20 Costa —
21 Compete
22 Censor
23 Raze
26 Swelled outward
29 Elevator guy
30 Mongrels
31 Golfer's benchmark
33 Literary miscellany
34 Agreement
35 Miff
36 Rite sites
38 Participated in a 10K
39 Gym iteration
40 Marvy
41 Water, to Pedro
43 Relax
47 Deplete (2 wds.)
50 Game plan
51 Prayer ending
52 Med. plan
53 Weekending cheer
54 Marina sight
55 — Antonio
56 Posted a parcel

DOWN
1 Small horse
2 Yves' girl
3 Singer — Turner
4 Is very hungry
5 Not chic
6 Rage
7 Common abbr.
8 Sea off Alaska
9 With, to monsieur
10 Large lizard
11 Sneaky
17 Europe-Asia dividers
19 Zilch
22 Mr. Bacharach
23 Hawaii's Mauna —
24 Sicily's erupter
25 Tiny bottle
26 Tampa Bay gridders, for short
27 DeMille genre
28 Valley
30 Find fault
32 Blushing
34 Hymn of praise
35 Bunnies
37 Young no-show
38 Skipped town
40 Fold-up mattress
41 — mater
42 Turns right
44 Verge
45 Fritz's refusal
46 Not playing with a full deck
47 Rotating part
48 Cries at a circus
49 Actress Thurman

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	A	C	T		L	E	A	F		J	U	G
O	G	L	E		E	V	I	L		O	R	E
M	O	A	N		N	E	M	O		S	G	T
P	R	I	D	E	S			A	S	H	E	S
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				N	E	A	T	O		A	R	K	S
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			C	B	S				E	L	S	A	
J	E	R	K	Y			P	S	A	L	M	S	
I	R	E		F	I	N	E		T	O	I	L	
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JUMBLE

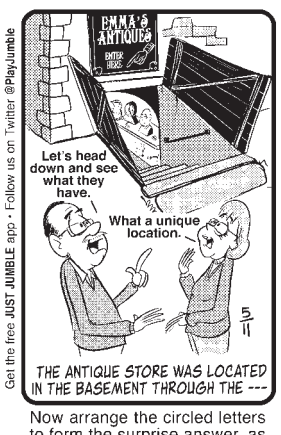
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ENLRI

DOYDL

MRADYE

PXOEES


EMMA'S ANTIQUES
Let's head down and see what they have.
What a unique location.
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THE ANTIQUE STORE WAS LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT THROUGH THE ---

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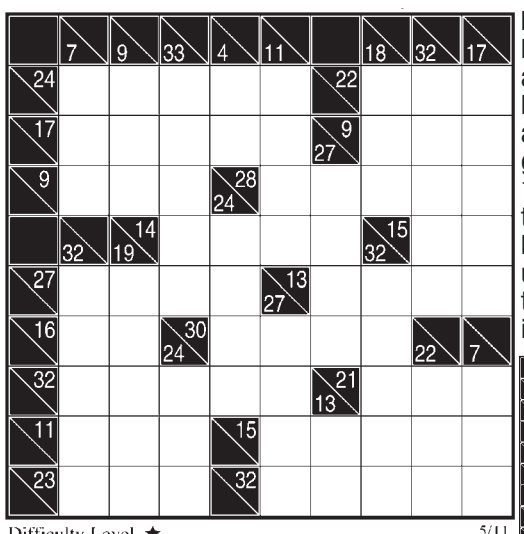
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

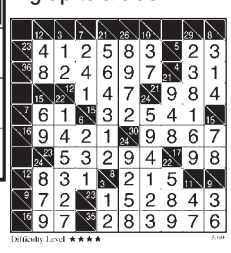
Saturday's Jumbles: OCCUR MACAW UNLOCK RUFFLE
Answer: After the teenager's party, his parents wanted him to clean up the — "WRECK" ROOM

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 5/11

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

We have all heard of the Stayman convention. You probably assumed that it was devised by Sam Stayman, a New York expert who won three Bermuda Bowl world team titles, in 1950, '51 and '53, and 20 national championships.

However, Sam did not devise Stayman. That was done independently by Jack Marx from London and George Rapee from New York. Rapee suggested it to his then-partner Stayman. Sam thought it was such a good idea that he immediately wrote an article for The Bridge World magazine, and his name stuck.

Today's deal was played by Stayman in New York's famous Cavendish Club in 1949. How did he play in seven no-trump after West led the spade jack?

One no-trump showed 16-19 points in those days. North used the Gerber convention to learn that his partner had one ace and four kings.

There seemed to be 13 top tricks. But Stayman was not willing to rely on good breaks, especially as it was rubber bridge with a sizable sum on the line.

Stayman won with dummy's spade ace and cashed the club ace, to see if the clubs were 5-0. When both opponents followed, he played off his top spades (discarding a club from dummy), his top hearts, the diamond king and the diamond ace. At this point, Stayman had learned that West had begun with six spades, four hearts, two diamonds and one club. That meant East had started with four clubs. Stayman led the club 10 from the dummy and ran it when East played low. A club to the king, a diamond to the queen, and the club queen completed the 13 tricks.

North 05-11-20
♠ A 7
♥ Q 8 4
♦ A Q 2
♣ A Q 10 9 3

West
♠ J 10 9 6 4 3
♥ J 9 7 3
♦ 5 3
♣ 2

East
♠ 8 2
♥ 6 5
♦ J 9 8 7 6
♣ J 8 7 5

South
♠ K Q 5
♥ A K 10 2
♦ K 10 4
♣ K 6 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	Pass	7NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

2		6		7		1		
	7	4		3	9	8		
8		9	2	6		3		4
		3	8					
	6	1		9		7	4	
					7	5		
3		7		1	4	2		9
		5	7	2		4	8	
		2		8		6		7

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	3	6	2	5	1	7	8	9
8	7	1	4	9	3	5	2	6
2	9	5	8	6	7	1	3	4
6	5	9	7	8	4	3	1	2
7	1	8	6	3	2	9	4	5
3	4	2	5	1	9	6	7	8
9	8	4	3	7	5	2	6	1
1	2	3	9	4	6	8	5	7
5	6	7	1	2	8	4	9	3

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING MAY 12

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	The Happy Days of Garry Marshall A heartfelt tribute to Garry Marshall. (N) CC				For Life "Fathers" ((F)) (N)	
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS Sloane has a secret admirer.		FBI "Fallout" A businessman is killed.		FBI: Most Wanted "Prophet" CC	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	The Voice "Live Top 9 Results" (N) CC		Ellen's Game of Games (N) CC		Hollywood Game Night (N) CC	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Three businesses in Ellicott City, Md.				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	Asian Americans Asian Americans fight for equality. (N) CC				Asian Americans "Breaking Through"	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	The Flash "Success Is Assured" CC		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Politics" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Climbing Into Bed" CC		Chicago P.D. CC	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	The Flash "Success Is Assured" CC		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Win, Place or Show"		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	First 48: Shocking	The First 48 "Deadly Secrets & True Lies"		The First 48: Catching a Killer (N) CC		Accused: Guilty or Innocent? (N) CC	
AMC	Fantastic Four ('05)	★★★ Star Trek ('09) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. Chronicles the early days of the starship Enterprise and her crew. CC					
Animal	Tree	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters	
BET	Why Did I Get Married?			★★ The Family That Preys ('08) CC			
Big Ten	Basket	Penn State Football Classic CC				Penn State	
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Watch What	Camp Getaway
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	Night School	★ The Collection ('12, Horror) Josh Stewart. CC			:25 ★★ Mary Queen of Scots ('18) Saoirse Ronan. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	CNBC	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch (N) CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Raven	Gabby	Coop
DIY	Off Grid	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	:00 MLB Baseball						
ESPN2	:00 NBA2K League (N) (L) CC						
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 28, 1981.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	Detroit Tigers Classics From Aug. 5, 2006. (N)					Michigan
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Shrek ('01) Voices of Mike Myers. CC			★★★ Matilda ('96, Children's) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito, Rhea Perlman. CC			
FX	5:30 Baywatch	★★ Jurassic World ('15) Chris Pratt. Man-made dinosaurs go on a rampage at an island resort.					Jurassic World
Golf	PGA	PGA Championship		Golf's Greatest Rounds CC			
Hallmark	Sailing Into Love	My One & Only ('19, Romance) Pascale Hutton, Sam Page, Rhonda Dent. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Hobbs & Shaw	I Know This Much Is True "Episode 1"		★★★ Downton Abbey ('19, Drama) Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter. CC			
History	Drilling	Drilling Down		Lost Gold-WWII		The Secret of Skin	
HGTV	Love-List	Bargain Mansions		Bargain Mansions		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	7 Little	Little People, World		Little People, World		7 Little Johnstons	
Lifetime	Grey's Anatomy	★★ Miss Congeniality ('00, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine. CC				Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous	
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Teen Mom OG (N)		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Bulls Classic (N)				Ninja Warrior	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Mock Draft Live		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Danger	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	:00 Drain	Drain (N) CC		Drain (N) CC		Kingdom of the	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Thirty Balloons" CC		Chicago P.D. "Conventions" CC		Chicago P.D. "The Price We Pay" CC	
Parmt	★★ Four Brothers ('05) Mark Wahlberg. CC					★★ 12 Strong	
Showtime	Green Book ('18)	Ray Donovan "Black Cadillac" CC		Escape at Dannemora CC		★★★ The Sixth Sense ('99)	
Starz	:13 ★★ Anger Management ('03) Adam Sandler. CC			Outlander Claire struggles to survive.		9:55 ★★ All Is True ('18) CC	
STZENC	:14 ★★ The Vow ('12) Rachel McAdams. CC			★★★★ Pulp Fiction ('94) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. CC			
SyFy	:00 ★★ Journey 2: The Mysterious Island ('12)			★★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift ('06) Lucas Black. CC (DVS)			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. (N)
TCM	Woman of Year	★★★ The Miracle Worker ('62, Biography) Anne Bancroft, Patty Duke. CC				★★★ A World Apart ('88)	
TMC	★★ El Chicano	Them That Follow ('19) Olivia Colman, Kaitlyn Dever. CC			:40 Rust Creek ('18, Suspense) Hermione Corfield. CC		
TNT	Shooter	★★ Suicide Squad ('16) Will Smith. CC (DVS)					Shooter
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures (N) CC				Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 ★★ The Siege ('98, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Annette Bening. CC				★★ The Siege ('98, Suspense) Denzel Washington. CC		

Late wife's best friend stiff-arms man's interest

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My wife passed away, and I have fallen in love with her best friend. She feels she would be disrespecting my wife's name if she went out with me. How can I let her know my wife would not object to us dating?

I don't know how to get her to understand my vows to my wife have been fulfilled with her passing. I will never forget her, and she will always be in my heart. But I feel I have room in my heart for this woman. She is a great person, and at some point I would like to have her as my wife. Advice, please? – Going Forward In Texas

DEAR GOING: You have stated your points both succinctly and pragmatically. It's understandable that you would be drawn to her, considering the close relationship you already had, I assume for many years. If you have told this lady what you have written to me as plainly as you stated it in your letter, and her feelings remain unchanged, it is possible that she is not as attracted to you as you are to her. And, if that's the case, she should say so in plain English so you can look elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I got engaged a few months ago and have been getting mixed messages from our parents about our wedding next year. Overall, they seem happy for us, but they don't show much interest in our relationship, or the wedding either.

Since we are gay, we are unsure whose, if any, parents we should ask to help us pay for the wedding. My fiance's parents are very conservative and most likely wouldn't volunteer to contribute. My parents are likely the only ones who would help, but they haven't made any offers.

We both have full-time jobs, but they are middle to low income, so help would be appreciated. Part of me resents them for not offering any help since their parents pitched in for their festivities and because they will undoubtedly expect invitations. Any advice you can give would be appreciated. – Marrying In The West

DEAR MARRYING: Welcome to the world of gay weddings, a subject that has cropped up since 2015, when it was legalized in all 50 states. There are no hard and fast rules covering this. Modern couples, both straight and gay, often pay for their own weddings to the extent their budgets allow.

While you and your fiance might raise the subject of pitching in with your parents, in the interest of family harmony, please try not to do it with prior resentments or expectations. Whether they agree or decline, you will be fine, and your day will be special.

DEAR ABBY: I was invited to a baby shower. Because of the virus that's going around, many people weren't planning on going, so they canceled the party. Should I still take them the gift I bought for their baby? Or should I just forget it because they canceled the baby shower? – Bearing A Gift In New Mexico

DEAR BEARING A GIFT: Do not "just forget it." The kind – and generous – way to handle it would be to give the mother-to-be the gift, remembering that, in spite of the shower being canceled, she will need things for her baby.

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Advice to cousin divorcing her husband was out of line

Carolyn Hax

Adapted froman online discussion.

HI, CAROLYN: My first cousin "Mimi" divorced her husband last year. As a divorcee myself, who hated to see a loved one go through hell unnecessarily, I reached out to her before the divorce was finalized to provide the names of marriage counselors and a few words of encouragement about trying to repair the marriage.

Where I was coming from was, my marriage wasn't great but I think we could have worked on it, and I live with regret that I chose instead to return to single life in my late 40s. I think I was lazy. I was not implying that Mimi was being lazy, but that may have been the message that came across anyway.

What I have since learned is that Mimi's divorce was her answer to several years of emotional abuse, which she is just starting to talk about with our family. I feel awful for inadvertently suggesting that she stay married to an abuser. I stepped in where I shouldn't have. Should I apologize, or just mind my own business from now on? She hasn't shared the news of the abuse with me personally. – Stepped In

STEPPED IN: If there's a non-awkward way to tell Mimi, without any mention of knowing what you know, that you've replayed your conversation with her a lot in the past year and you regret seeing her situation through your own lens, then you should do it.

But not if you're doing it just because you now know about the emotional abuse. Even if her divorce were an amicable one by two healthy people who grew apart, your "few words of encouragement about trying to repair the marriage" would still have been presumptuous. Even if you think your experience allows you insight that a specific person might be able to use, you still need to be mindful of what you don't know about the other person's situation, which means prefacing any advice (from now on) with a faithfully kept promise that you won't give any unless asked.

DEAR CAROLYN: I told my friend she sometimes spoke rather harshly to her grandchild. She had just told me of an exchange between the two of them, and I gave her my opinion.

Now she says our friendship of 50-plus years is over. I have reached out since then and she has not responded. What to do? – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: You grieve. It is like a death.

Not just because it's a significant loss, but also because it's one handed to you and that you aren't able to fix.

If it helps, it doesn't sound as if you were wrong to say what you did. I realize I have very little information, but what I take away is 1. You saw a child being mistreated and you stood up for him or her. That was brave. And, 2. Given two demonstrations of bad behavior that are apparently out of character for her (yes?), it sounds at least possible that your friend is exhibiting a personality change, which in turn could indicate illness.

I hope that's not the case, of course, but if it is, then I hope someone is as brave as you were and risks her wrath in order to nudge her to get help. I'm sorry.

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ACROSS
1 Passports
4 Large family
8 Hand part
12 Scatter seeds
13 Make over
14 "Miami Vice" cop
15 Uris hero
16 Made the most of
17 Likelihood
18 Fate
20 Noticed
22 Talk online
23 Clump of dirt
26 Casual top (hyph.)
30 Murky
32 Bank feature
35 — Enterprise
36 Shop tool
37 Bradley or Sharif
38 54, to Flavius
39 Early Peruvian
40 Ms. Claiborne
41 Spoke hoarsely
43 Like Beethoven
45 Harlow or Stapleton
48 Hwys.
50 Made cat noises
52 — — grip!
55 Baldwin or Guinness
57 Distant
58 Moby Dick foe
59 Bulletproof attire
60 Ms. Hagen
61 Doctrines
62 Sorority letters
63 Easy toss

DOWN
1 Ms. Dinesen
2 Column order
3 Rustle
4 Vinegar bottles
5 In case
6 Juice-based drink
7 Gives silent assent
8 Go about stealthily
9 Facilitate
10 Arith. term
11 Yr. fractions
19 Alma —
21 Pretend
24 Norse deity
25 Frisbee, e.g.
27 Maui dance
28 Cow-headed goddess
29 Host's plea
31 Call — — cab
32 Note before la
33 In the thick of
34 Perturb
36 YouTube offering
41 Rural addr.
42 Releases a CD
44 Sheiks, usually
46 Terrible
47 "Peachy keen!"
49 Keep
50 Oater backdrop
51 Colorless
52 Moo goo — pan
53 Codgers' queries
54 Highland topper
56 Permit

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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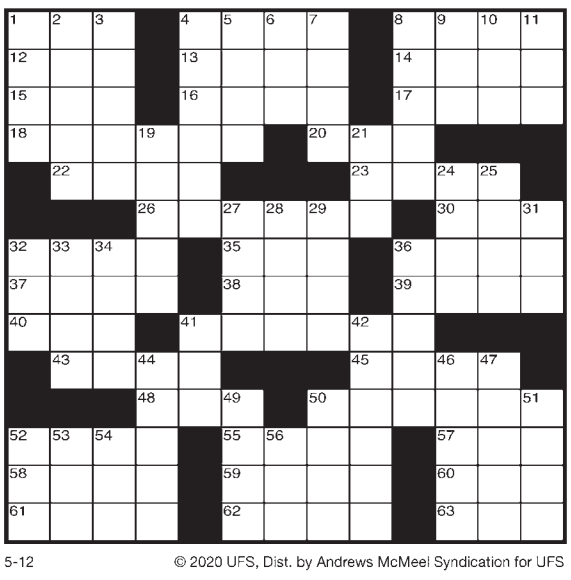

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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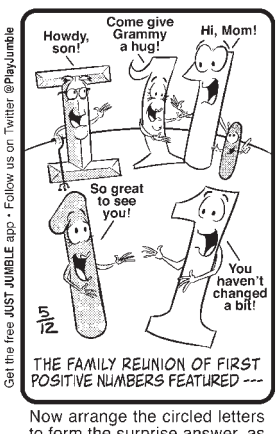
TOIDT

SNYINK

LOTIVE


Howdy, son!
Come give Grammy a hug!
Hi, Mom!
So great to see you!
You haven't changed a bit!
THE FAMILY REUNION OF FIRST POSITIVE NUMBERS FEATURED ---

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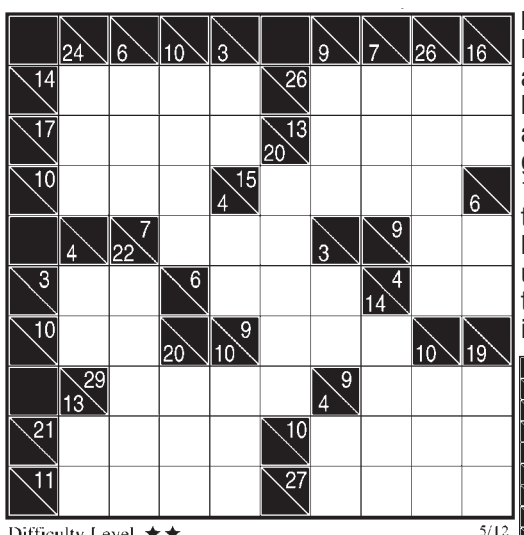
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

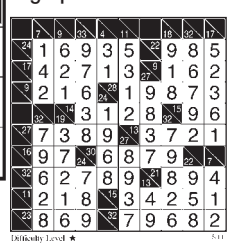
Yesterday's Jumbles: LINER ODDLY DREAMY EXPOSE
Answer: The antique store was located in the basement through the — "SELLER" DOOR

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★ 5/12

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Occasionally a deal will come along in which you must cling like a barnacle to a collection of low cards in one suit. Sometimes the highest card isn't as low as it looks. But today's deal exhibits a different reason.

In an international teams event, one pair reached the borderline six-diamond contract, via the given auction. They held only a combined 23 high-card points, but five heart tricks would have been enough to bring home the slam. (Note that if either North had held the heart jack extra or South had had three spades and two clubs, the slam would have been excellent.)

West led a top club and shifted to the spade queen. South won with the ace and ran off six rounds of diamonds. West discarded four clubs and one of his "useless" hearts. Now it was easy for South to play hearts from the top and claim when the jack dropped.

Suppose instead that West defends better, keeping all four of his hearts. Even though the percentage play in hearts is to play off the king, ace and queen, South will probably be aware that West has retained four hearts. If so, there are 10 low doubletons that East could hold and only five jack doubletons. So it is twice as likely that West has jack-fourth than four low cards.

If South thinks this way, he will cash the heart king, then lead a heart to dummy's 10, going down with the actual distribution.

North 05-12-20
♠ 9 7 6
♥ A Q 10 6 2
♦ A J 7 6
♣ 10

West
♠ Q J 8
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 3
♣ A K J 7 6

East
♠ K 5 2
♥ J 9
♦ 9 4
♣ Q 9 8 5 3 2

South
♠ A 10 4 3
♥ K 8
♦ K Q 10 8 5 2
♣ 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

When you have length in a suit where an opponent is also long, it will usually be right to keep your holding intact.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

	5			7	1	6		
		7			6			3
8	6	4		5	3	9	7	1
6			7		5	3	4	9
9	7	8	3		4			2
4	9	6	5	1		2	3	8
1			4			7		
		2	6	9			1	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	3	6	4	7	8	1	9	5
1	7	4	5	3	9	8	2	6
8	5	9	2	6	1	3	7	4
7	4	3	8	5	6	9	1	2
5	6	1	3	9	2	7	4	8
9	2	8	1	4	7	5	6	3
3	8	7	6	1	4	2	5	9
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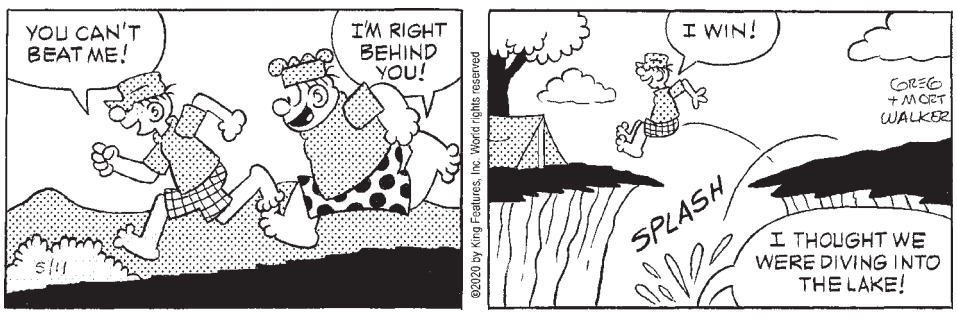
YOU CAN'T BEAT ME!
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
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I WIN!
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SPLASH
I THOUGHT WE WERE DIVING INTO THE LAKE!
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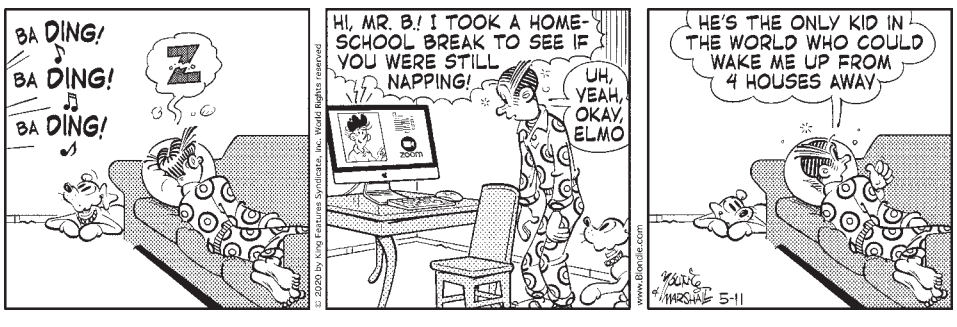
BA DING! BA DING! BA DING!
HI, MR. B.! I TOOK A HOME-SCHOOL BREAK TO SEE IF YOU WERE STILL NAPPING!
UH, YEAH, OKAY, ELMO
HE'S THE ONLY KID IN THE WORLD WHO COULD WAKE ME UP FROM 4 HOUSES AWAY
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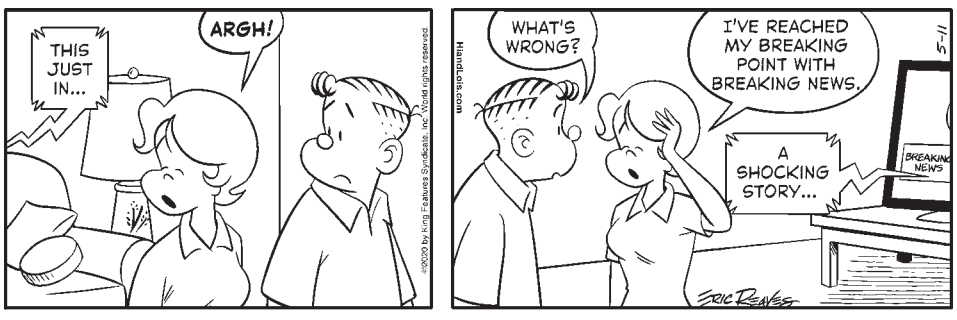
HI & LOIS



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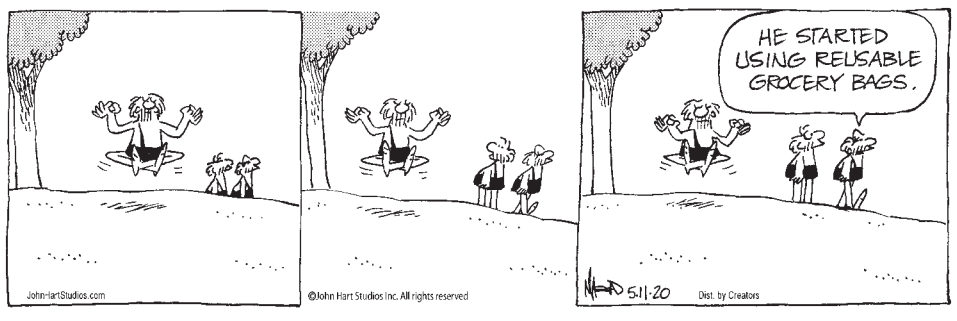

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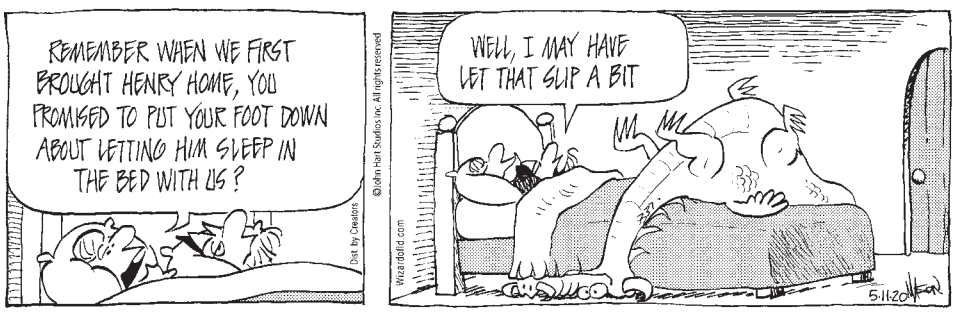
REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST BROUGHT HENRY HOME, YOU PROMISED TO PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN ABOUT LETTING HIM SLEEP IN THE BED WITH US?
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WELL, I MAY HAVE LET THAT SLIP A BIT
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DILBERT

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY SLIDE DECK?
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I REVIEWED ALL 26 OF YOUR SLIDES, AND I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT YOUR POINT IS.
I COULD PUT THE POINT ON SLIDE 27.
OR JUST GIVE UP.
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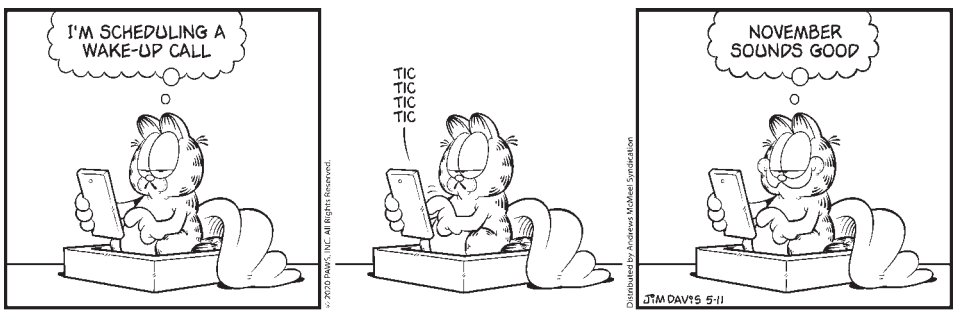
I'M SCHEDULING A WAKE-UP CALL
TIC TIC TIC TIC
NOVEMBER SOUNDS GOOD
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JIM DAVIS 5-11

FORT KNOX

PICKLES

HMM... SOMETHING JUST OCCURRED TO ME.
WHY DO I LOOK SO DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE AROUND HERE?
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A BIG BLACK NOSE, FLOPPY EARS, AND DOESN'T WEAR ANY CLOTHES?
COULD IT BE THAT I WAS ADOPTED?
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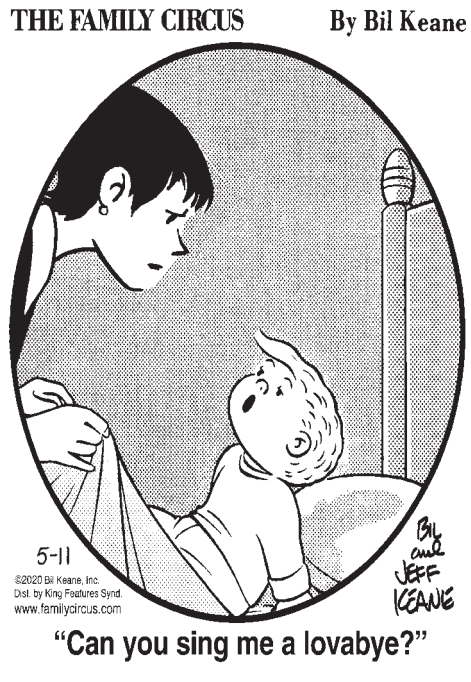
FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

I'VE BEEN GOING OVER OUR FINANCIAL EMPIRE.
AND..?
WE HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SENDING THE KIDS TO COLLEGE, OR HAVING A MODESTLY COMFORTABLE RETIREMENT.
COULD WE RETIRE IN THEIR DORM ROOMS?
LET'S CRUNCH THAT.
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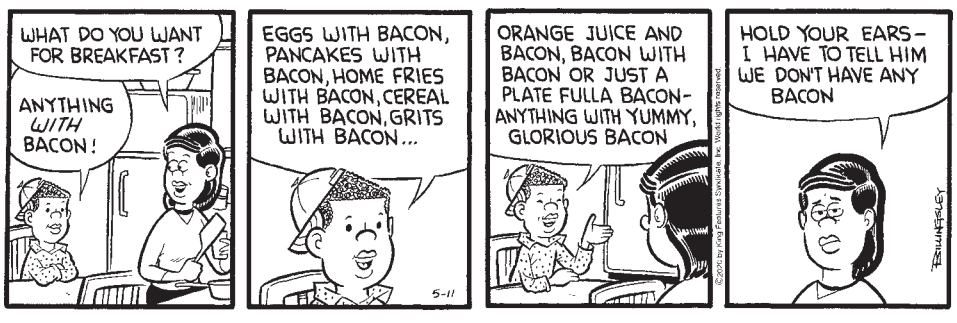
WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR BREAKFAST?
ANYTHING WITH BACON!
EGGS WITH BACON, PANCAKES WITH BACON, HOME FRIES WITH BACON, CEREAL WITH BACON, GRITS WITH BACON...
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ORANGE JUICE AND BACON, BACON WITH BACON OR JUST A PLATE FULLA BACON- ANYTHING WITH YUMMY, GLORIOUS BACON
HOLD YOUR EARS- I HAVE TO TELL HIM WE DON'T HAVE ANY BACON
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TEDLINGSLEY

ZITS

ARE YOU GOING TO VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER, JEREMY?
I CAN'T.
WHY NOT?
IT CONFLICTS WITH MY PLANS.
5-11 SCOTT and BORGMAN
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AND WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?
NOT TO MAKE ANY.
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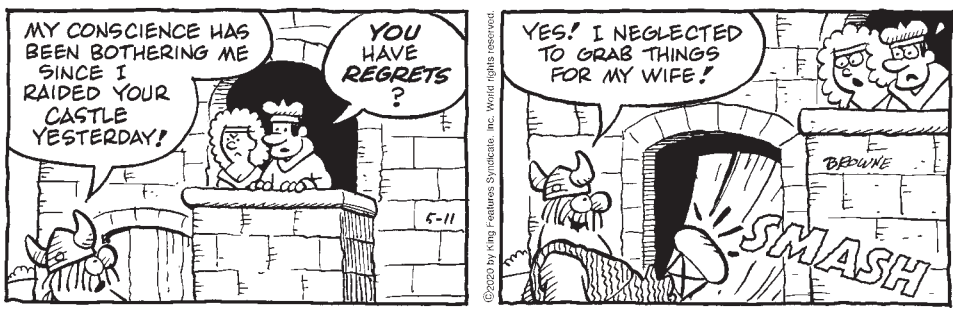
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


MY CONSCIENCE HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME SINCE I RAIDED YOUR CASTLE YESTERDAY!
YOU HAVE REGRETS?
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YES! I NEGLECTED TO GRAB THINGS FOR MY WIFE!
BROOME
SMASH
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I DON'T GET THIS, POGO. THE VIRUS HAS FORCED US CARTOON CHARACTERS TO STAY INSIDE FOR FIVE WEEKS
THANKS TO WALT KELLY
NOW THERE IS NO POLLUTION, NO GREEN-HOUSE EFFECTS AND OUR RIVERS AND LAKES ARE CLEAN AND CLEAR
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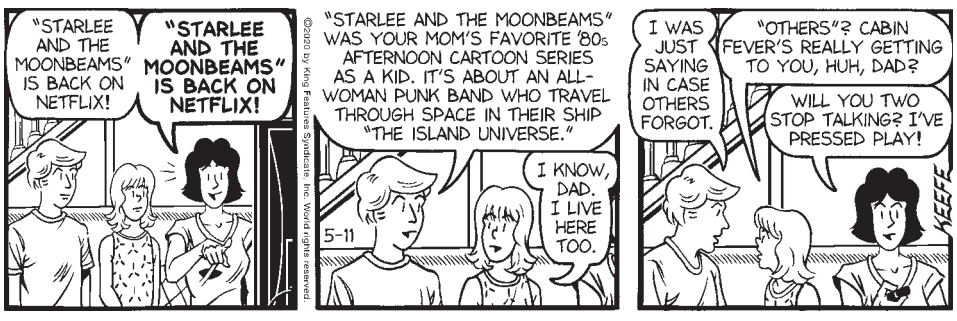
YEAH...WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND HE IS US

MUTTS

SALLY FORTH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I KNOW, DAD. I LIVE HERE TOO.
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I WAS JUST SAYING IN CASE OTHERS FORGOT.
"OTHERS"? CABIN FEVER'S REALLY GETTING TO YOU, HUH, DAD?
WILL YOU TWO STOP TALKING? I'VE PRESSED PLAY!
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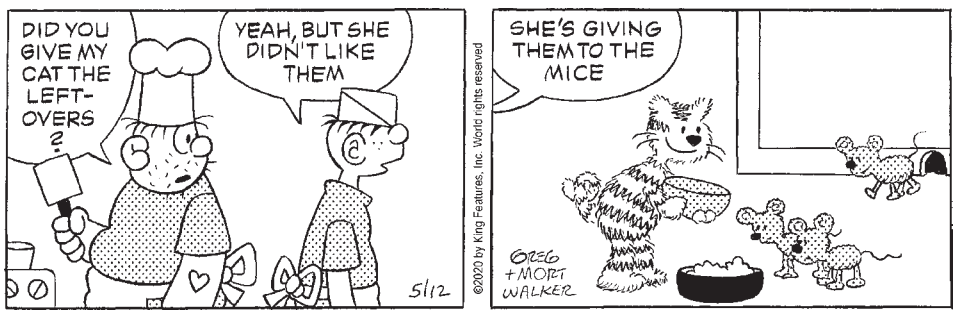
DID YOU GIVE MY CAT THE LEFT-OVERS?
YEAH, BUT SHE DIDN'T LIKE THEM
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SHE'S GIVING THEM TO THE MICE
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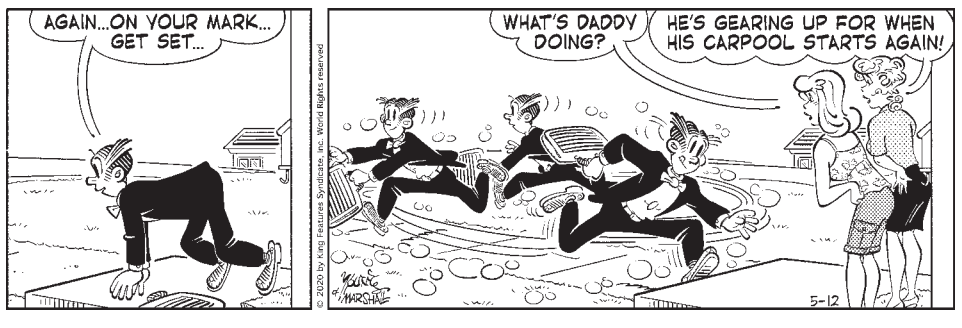
AGAIN...ON YOUR MARK... GET SET...
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WHAT'S DADDY DOING?
HE'S GEARING UP FOR WHEN HIS CARPOOL STARTS AGAIN!
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HI & LOIS

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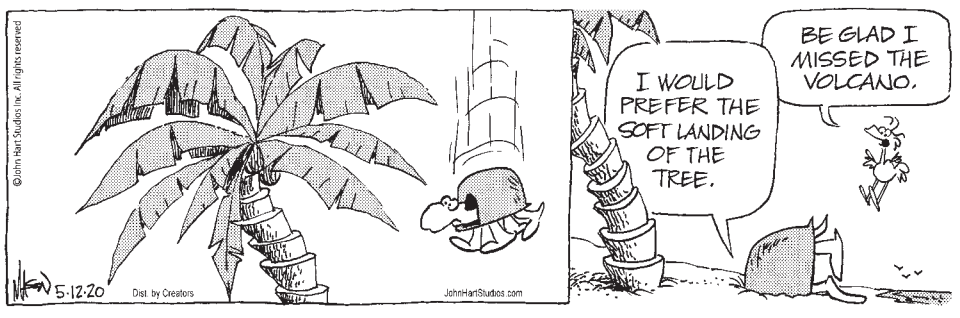
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I WOULD PREFER THE SOFT LANDING OF THE TREE.
BE GLAD I MISSED THE VOLCANO.

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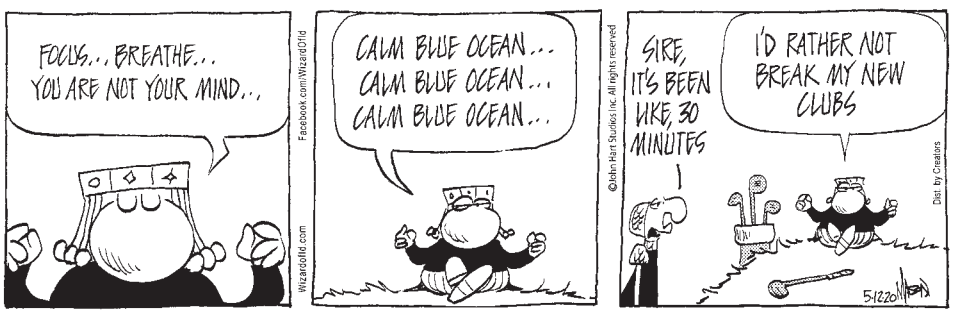
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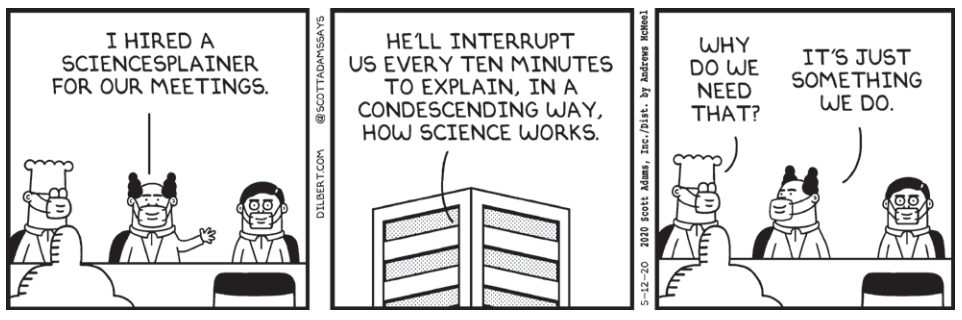
I HIRED A SCIENCESPLAINER FOR OUR MEETINGS.
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HE'LL INTERRUPT US EVERY TEN MINUTES TO EXPLAIN, IN A CONDESCENDING WAY, HOW SCIENCE WORKS.
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WHY DO WE NEED THAT?
IT'S JUST SOMETHING WE DO.

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WANNA KNOW WHY?
SURE. AS LONG AS YOU DON'T BREAK INTO SONG
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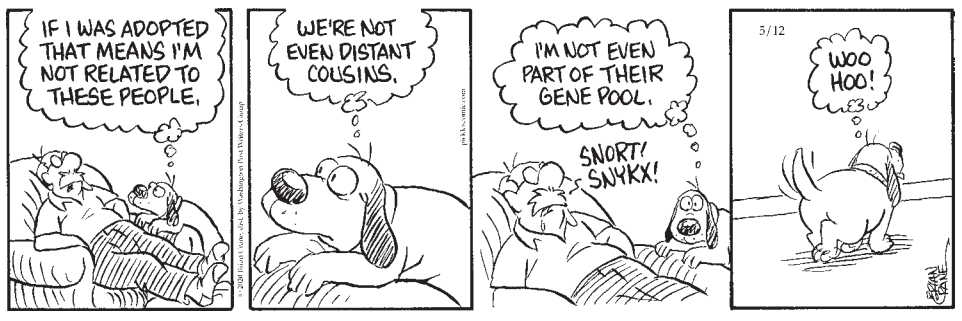
IF I WAS ADOPTED THAT MEANS I'M NOT RELATED TO THESE PEOPLE.
WE'RE NOT EVEN DISTANT COUSINS.
I'M NOT EVEN PART OF THEIR GENE POOL.
SNORT! SNYKX!
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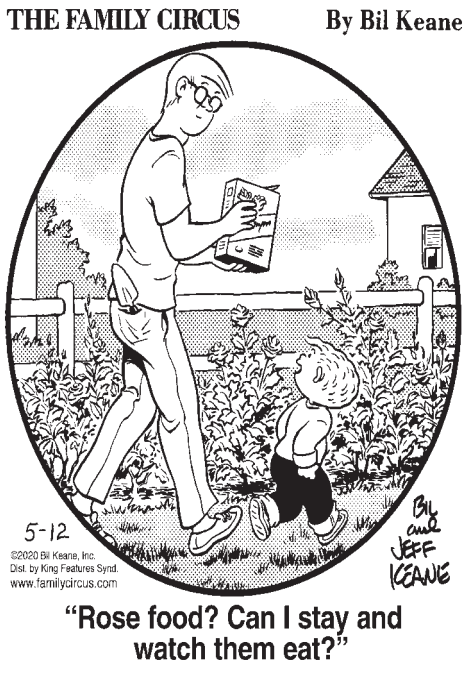
WOO HOO!

FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

CURTIS

I JUST SENT A LITTLE QUESTION TO THE BACON-LOVERS SITE
...ASKING FOR ANY SUGGESTIONS OF PRODUCTS THAT SMELL LIKE BACON ...LIKE BACON TOOTHPASTE
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TEN MINUTES AND I'VE GOT OVER TWO HUNDRED REPLIES ALREADY!
"BACON-LOVERS SITE"?
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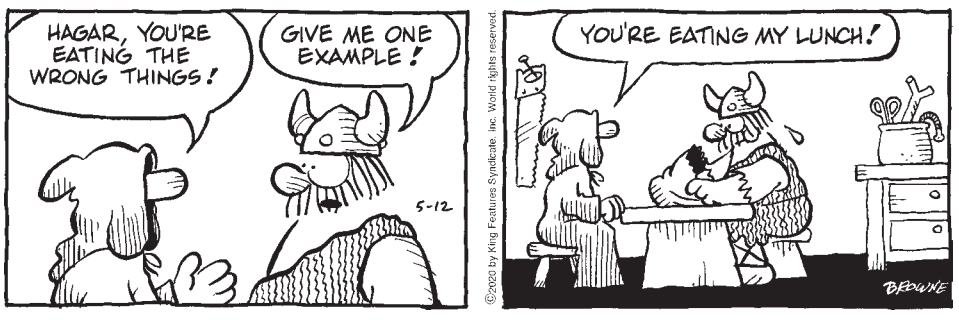
ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


HAGAR, YOU'RE EATING THE WRONG THINGS!
GIVE ME ONE EXAMPLE!
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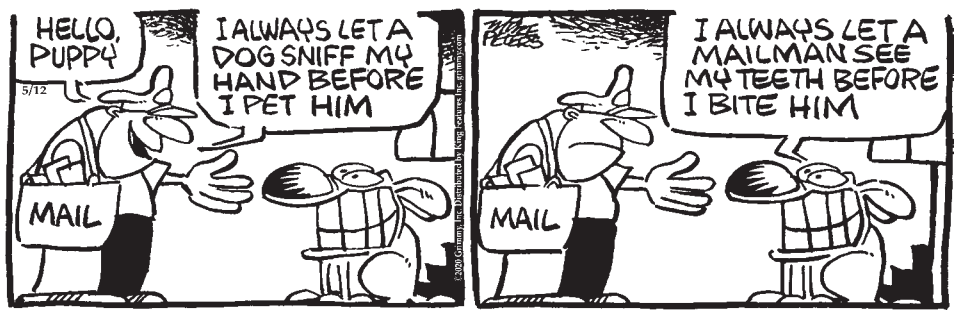
YOU'RE EATING MY LUNCH!
BROWNE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


HELLO, PUPPY
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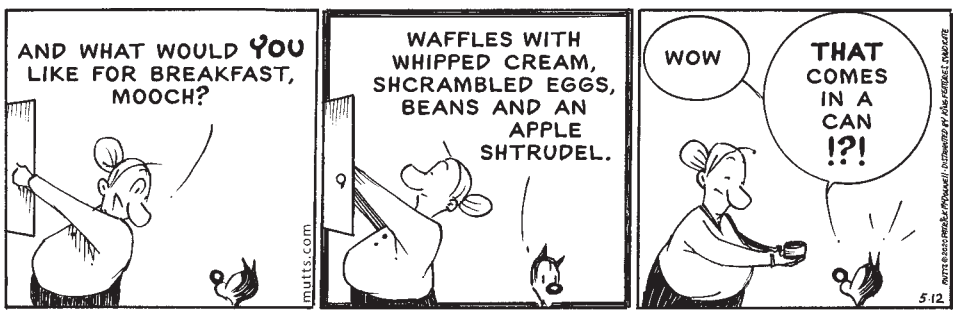
I ALWAYS LET A DOG SNIFF MY HAND BEFORE I PET HIM
MAIL
I ALWAYS LET A MAILMAN SEE MY TEETH BEFORE I BITE HIM
MAIL

MUTTS


AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR BREAKFAST, MOOCH?
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WAFFLES WITH WHIPPED CREAM, SHCRAMBLED EGGS, BEANS AND AN APPLE SHTRUDEL.
WOW
THAT COMES IN A CAN !?!
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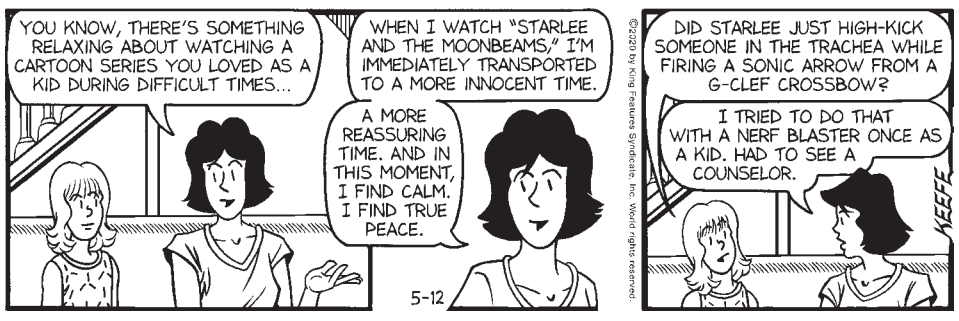
SALLY FORTH


YOU KNOW, THERE'S SOMETHING RELAXING ABOUT WATCHING A CARTOON SERIES YOU LOVED AS A KID DURING DIFFICULT TIMES...
WHEN I WATCH "STARLEE AND THE MOONBEAMS," I'M IMMEDIATELY TRANSPORTED TO A MORE INNOCENT TIME.
A MORE REASSURING TIME. AND IN THIS MOMENT, I FIND CALM. I FIND TRUE PEACE.
5-12
DID STARLEE JUST HIGH-KICK SOMEONE IN THE TRACHEA WHILE FIRING A SONIC ARROW FROM A G-CLEF CROSSBOW?
I TRIED TO DO THAT WITH A NERF BLASTER ONCE AS A KID. HAD TO SEE A COUNSELOR.
KEEFE

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LEGALS

TWINCATS TO VOTE ON ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM

The Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (TwinCATS) facilitates transportation planning for the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph urbanized area. TWINCATS has released a draft of it Unified Planning Work Program (UWP) for fiscal year 2021, which begins October 1, 2020. The UWP is the annual work program for TwinCATS staff, which describes all of the planning tasks funded by the US Department of Transportation, Michigan Department of Transportation, and local jurisdictions. The draft of the 2021 UWP is available at https://www.swmpc.org/tcats_uwp.asp The UWP will be voted on at the upcoming TwinCATS meeting on: **Monday May 18, 9:30 AM. It will be held via conference call.**
Phone number: (605) 472-5572. Access Code: 895451. More information on the meeting, including the full agenda can be found at https://www.swmpc.org/twincatsmeetings.asp
The public is invited to attend this meeting to ask questions or provide comments. Comments can also be sent to Brandon Kovnat, associate transportation planner, at kovnatb@swmpc.org or by calling (269) 925-1137 x 1524.

The public participation process described above is used to satisfy the public participation process for the Program of Projects (POP), as prescribed in accordance with Chapter 53 of Title 49, United State Code (FTA requirement's), and metropolitan and statewide planning regulations under the FAST act for the following public transit agencies: Twin Cities Area Transportation Authority.

LEGALS

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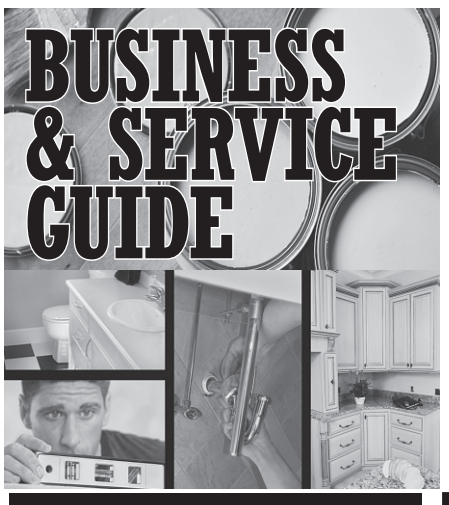

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS
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OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE
RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Benton Harbor, County of Berrien, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell revenue bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Five Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($5,400,000) in one or more series for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, installing, repairing and improving certain improvements to the City's sewage disposal system, including sanitary sewer replacement and improvements, manholes, cleanouts, lateral service connections, related street infrastructure, together with all necessary interests in land, and all related sites, structures, equipment, appurtenances and attachments thereto (the "Project").

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF REVENUE BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE from the revenues received by the City from the operations of said sewage disposal system, and other lawfully available funds of the City. Said revenues will consist of rates and charges that may from time to time be revised to provide sufficient revenues to provide for the expenses of operating and maintaining the system, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and to pay other obligations of the system.

BOND DETAILS

THE REVENUE BONDS will be payable in annual installments not to exceed forty (40) in number and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at public or private sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR BONDS
SOLD TO MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY

BECAUSE THE BONDS WILL BE SOLD TO THE MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE CITY MAY PLEDGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS MONEY RECEIVED OR TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY DERIVED FROM IMPOSITION OF TAXES BY THE STATE AND RETURNED OR TO BE RETURNED TO THE CITY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, except for money the use of which is prohibited for such purposes by the State Constitution. The City may enter into an agreement providing for the payment of taxes, which taxes are collected by the State and returned to the City as provided by law, to the Michigan Finance Authority or a trustee, and such funds may be pledged for the payment of the bonds.

BECAUSE THE BONDS WILL BE SOLD TO THE MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE CITY MAY PLEDGE ITS LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AS SECURITY FOR THE BONDS, IN WHICH EVENT DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE EITHER FROM REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM OR FROM AD VALOREM TAXES THAT MAY BE LEVIED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, SUBJECT HOWEVER, TO CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE REVENUE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A VALID PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTYFIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH VALID PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 33, Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk
City of Benton Harbor

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS
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SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF REVENUE BONDS

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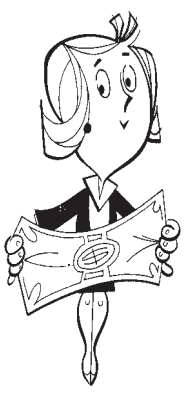
MAKE SOME MONEY



IN THE CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

Whitmer: Goal is to test 450,000 residents for virus in May

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Monday she wants 450,000 Michiganders to be tested for the coronavirus this month, an average of nearly 15,000 a day, a critical goal because she said social-distancing cannot go on indefinitely until a vaccine is developed.

Testing is on the rise. Tests first surpassed 10,000 in a day less than two weeks ago and stayed above that mark in eight of the next 10 days through Saturday. Tricia Foster, the state's chief operating officer, said the target is 30,000 tests per day – 2 percent of the population on a weekly basis.

"Until there is a vaccine, social distancing is really the best and only tool that we have to prevent spread. But we know that that can't be tolerated in perpetuity," Whitmer told reporters. "Accordingly, widespread testing is critical. Tracing and safety protocols are essential."

She set a goal of 30,000-plus daily tests in June and beyond, in particular among vulnerable populations, people returning to work and contacts of people with COVID-19. Prisons, jails, long-term care facilities and veterans homes currently are among places being visited by National Guard medics. Michigan ranks 18th-highest among states on the number of tests per 1,000 residents, according to an Associated Press analysis of data collected by the COVID Tracking Project.

The state will partner with local health departments to hire up to 1,000 people to trace and reach those who may have come into contact with infected individuals. That is in addition to thousands of volunteer tracers who will supplement tracing being done by more than 300 county health workers and 100 state employees.

"Aggressive testing, contact tracing and isolation will be the only way we will get ahead of this disease," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, the state's medical executive.

The number of new coronavirus cases in Michigan grew slowly again, rising less than 1 percent to a total of nearly 47,560 since March. Deaths from COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the virus, increased by 33 to 4,584. More than 1,400 patients were hospitalized.

In hard-hit Detroit, 41 residents died from May 2 through May 8, compared to 167 from April 18-24, Mayor Mike Duggan said. Nearly 10,000 people have been infected.

"We are continuing to succeed at beating the coronavirus," said Duggan, who plans to cut his daily briefings to three times a week.

The city has completed testing at 36 long-term care facilities, where the infection rate has been running at about 9 percent. The next target: 70 senior apartment buildings with 10,000 units.

"This is going to be a massive undertaking," Detroit health officer Denise Fair said.

MARKETS

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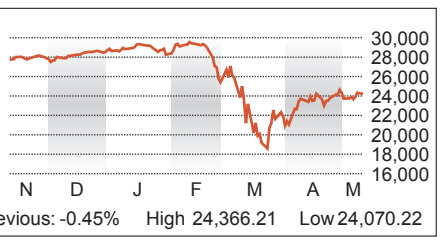

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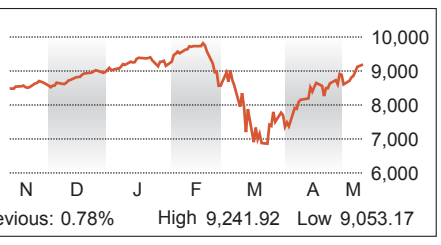

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Apple Inc	AAPL	170.27	327.85	315.01	+4.88	+1.6	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1053.88	-4.02	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	43.00	23.50	-.53	-2.2	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	55.48	+.19	+0.3	▲	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	45.54	-.57	-1.2	▼	▼	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	36.16	-.38	-1.0	▼	▼	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	134.89	-2.11	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	107.77	-1.39	-1.3	▼	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	77.91	-.14	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	77.93	45.74	-.44	-1.0	▼	▲	▲
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	17.19	-.91	-5.0	▼	▼	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	31.42	-1.45	-4.4	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	3.96	10.56	5.12	-.12	-2.3	▼	▼	▲
GenElec	GE	5.90	13.26	6.19	-.10	-1.6	▼	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	140.63	247.12	236.56	+2.13	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	9.26	-1.59	-14.7	▼	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	8.23	-.43	-4.9	▼	▼	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	178.14	153.56	-1.14	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	122.59	-.40	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	89.97	-2.73	-2.9	▼	▼	▼
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	149.11	+.41	+0.3	▲	▲	▲
Lowes	LOW	60.00	126.73	113.39	-.84	-0.7	▼	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.93	180.88	-.35	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	119.01	190.70	186.74	+2.06	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	22.14	-1.44	-6.1	▼	▲	▼
Penney	JCP	0.16	1.26	.16	-.01	-8.8	▼	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	53.40	+.76	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	44.56	38.10	+.88	+2.4	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	128.09	115.31	-.64	-0.6	▼	▼	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	82.05	+.74	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	10.70	-.44	-3.9	▼	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	193.64	+1.56	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	26.28	-1.89	-6.7	▼	▼	▲
Target	TGT	70.03	130.24	120.18	+4.35	+3.8	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	114.25	109.08	+1.87	+1.7	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	93.91	-.92	-1.0	▼	▼	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	56.40	-.60	-1.1	▼	▼	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	85.32	-.36	-0.4	▼	▼	▼
WalMart	WMT	99.01	133.38	123.67	+.73	+0.6	▲	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	39.41	64.50	41.71	+.04	+0.1	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	21.12	-.32	-1.5	▼	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	108.67	-3.93	-3.5	▼	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	25.95	-.63	-2.4	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	68.14	-.26	-0.4	▼	▲	▲

OBITUARIES

Marlene K. Schalon

June 24, 1936 – May 6, 2020

The world is a little less bright today after the passing of Marlene Schalon at the age of 83 from Alzheimer's.

Marlene was born June 24, 1936. She died May 6, 2020, at The Whitcomb Senior Living Community in St. Joseph, with her loving husband, Richard, by her side.

Marlene was born to Ebba and Dale Longacre in Elkhart, Ind., as one of nine children, and grew up in Fairplain. She married Jay Sterling at a young age, and they quickly had three children, Kathie, John and Jennifer.

After her first marriage ended, Marlene married the love of her life, Richard Schalon, and they spent more than four decades very happily married. Richard's son, Bill, was welcomed into her heart and home as her own son.

Marlene was an active, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, community member and a lifelong member of Saron Lutheran Church. She was a devoted member of the extended Longacre family.

She will be remembered for her pie and cookie baking skills, large batches of Swedish rye bread from a special family recipe, jarred tomato juice and strawberry jam, and caring for and loving her family with a deep passion.

Marlene will be dearly missed by her husband, Richard; daughter, Kathie (James) Nadeau; son, John Sterling (Monica Moore); daughter, Jennifer (Bob) Beccard; and stepson, Bill (Suzy) Schalon; grandchildren, Stacey, Rachael, Marissa, Evan and Melia; great-grandchildren, Lauren and Sterling; special niece and nephews in the Ashley family; sisters, Sandi Hettig, Diane Ruth and Lauri Mayes; and brother, Dale Longacre; numerous nieces and nephews; and other extended family members and friends.

She is predeceased by her parents; sisters, Joanne and Shirley; and brothers, David and Roger.

A celebration of life service will be held at a future date due to restrictions related to COVID-19.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, 556-9450.

Cards can be sent to Richard Schalon at 509 Ship St., #202, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Memorial contributions can be made in Marlene's name to Saron Lutheran Church or to the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen, where Marlene volunteered.

Friends wishing to leave an online condolence can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Robert Pobuda

Nov. 26, 1928 – May 6, 2020

Robert Pobuda, age 91, of Paw Paw passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, in Kalamazoo.

He was born on Nov. 26, 1928, and grew up in South Haven, where he graduated in 1947, and was later in their inaugural Sports Hall of Fame Class. A lifelong educator, Bob spent his career molding young people and was the Superintendent of Schools in Hartford from 1978 to 1994. He married Betty Getman on Aug. 8, 1953, and together they raised their children in a loving and caring home.

Members of his family include, his wife, Betty; his three children, Daniel (Sue) Pobuda, Carol (Gregory) Schinske and Jonathan (Emelyn) Pobuda; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael; and four siblings.

Cremation has taken place. Visit with family and friends while sharing food and drinks from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Betzler Life Story Funeral Home, 6080 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, 269-375-2900. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 209 S. Brown St., Paw Paw. Please visit Robert's personal web page at www.BetzlerLifeStory.com, where you can read his life story, archive a favorite memory or photo and sign his online guest book. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hartford Public Schools Foundation, Ascension Borgess Foundation, St. Mary Catholic Church of Paw Paw and Fresh Perspective Home Care.

Ronald Marshall

June 21, 1948 – May 6, 2020

Ronald Marshall, 71, of Bridgman passed away on May 6, 2020.

He was born in Cotton Hill, Mo., to Andrew and Dorothy Marshall. Ron graduated from Bridgman High School in 1966.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Bonnie (Taylor) Marshall; his three children, James (Kelly) Pflaumer, Darcie Marshall (Matt Csiszar) and Melanie Marshall (Mark Banschbach); and four grandchildren: Jacob, Josette and Cole Pflaumer and Tyler Marshall.

Ron retired from ANR pipeline in 2001. During Ron's retirement he enjoyed golfing, attending Bridgman High School basketball and football games with friends, spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, playing cards and occasional trips to the casino. A great enjoyment of Ron's was his German shepherd, Rambo. Ron would sit and tell stories to anyone who would lend an ear on how Rambo was the "greatest dog ever." After Rambo passed, Ron purchased a goldendoodle for Bonnie that they named Lucky. Ron would take Lucky in his black Chevrolet truck and drive to Weko Beach to enjoy the morning as he sipped his coffee.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at his daughter's house, located at 2177 Ann Dr., St. Joseph, where friends can share memories.

Herman Frederick Hafer Jr.

Dec. 3, 1925 – May 8, 2020

Herman Frederick Hafer Jr., 94, formerly of Niles, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2020, at Cass County Medical Care Facility in Cassopolis.

He was born Dec. 3, 1925, in Benton Harbor to the late Annetta and Herman Hafer Sr. Herman was an Army veteran, serving in the United Kingdom, Germany and France during World War II. On May 15, 1948, he married Lydia Hauch in Glendora. Over the years, Herman had worked at Ross Carrier, Clark Equipment, River Valley School System, Anheuser-Busch and Glendora Church.

Herman is survived by his daughters, Rebecca LaVanway and Kathleen (Richard) McGrath; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Annetta and Herman Sr.; wife, Lydia; brothers, Carl, Clarence and Harold; and three sisters, Clara, Bea and Eleanor.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Death notices

Zan J. Ballard of Benton Harbor died May 11, 2020, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Richard "Dick" Cooper, 87, of Niles died May 8, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Herman F. Hafer Jr., 94, of Niles died May 8, 2020, at Cass County Medical Care Facility, Cassopolis. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Deidre Ann (Miller) Jackson, 55, of Stevensville died May 10, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Ronald Marshall, 71, of Bridgman died May 6, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

George M. Neff, 84, of Coloma died May 10, 2020, at Hallmark Living, Benton Harbor. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

William "Bill" Bartholemew Novak, 71, of Benton Harbor died May 9, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Robert Pobuda, 91, of Paw Paw died May 6, 2020, in Kalamazoo. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Sidney L. Polk Sr., 61, of Benton Harbor died May 2, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Marcella Ann Puckett, 76, of Watervliet died May 8, 2020, at her daughter's home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Wanda Zelko, 95, of Watervliet died May 7, 2020, at Country Manor Care Center, Bridgman. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Sidney LeRoy Polk Sr.

June 21, 1958 – May 2, 2020

Sidney LeRoy Polk Sr. passed away May 2, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A memorial service for Mr. Polk will be held at a later date. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Sidney was born July 21, 1958, to the union of Tommie Polk Jr. and Marion J. Polk (Ahmed) in Benton Harbor. Sidney graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1976. After graduating, Sidney went on to serve his country by joining the United States Air Force, during which he lived in Germany. He served faithfully for four years. Sidney was employed with Imperial Printing for over 15 years until health issues caused him not to work anymore.

Mr. Polk leaves to treasure his memories: his mother, Marion J. Ahmed of Benton Harbor; sister, Kimberly Polk of Benton Harbor; brother, Rodney (Chelsie) Polk of Minnesota; three sons, Julian Banks of Texas, Sidney Polk Jr. of Berrien Springs and Robert Neal-Polk; two granddaughters, Simmone Neal (8) and Samora Neal (4), all of Muskegon, Mich.; and his significant other, Angie M. Quintanilla of Stevensville. Sidney also had many nephews, nieces and friends who will miss him dearly.

Wanda Zelko

Feb. 19, 1925 – May 7, 2020

Wanda Zelko, 95, of Watervliet died Thursday, May 7, 2020, at Country Manor Care Center in Bridgman.

Wanda's life began Feb. 19, 1925, in Walnut Ridge, Ark. When she was a child, her parents moved and made Michigan their home.

As an adult, Wanda worked at Woolworth's Dime Store, Whirlpool, and she retired in 1990 as a nurse's aide at Lakeland Medical Center. When Wanda wasn't working, you could find her doing yard work or relaxing and watching "Ellen." She found joy cooking Sunday dinners for her family, and Wanda will be remembered for her chicken and dumplings.

Wanda's greatest joy was her loving family, which includes three children, Marsha (Loren) Demler of Baroda, Michael Zelko of Benton Harbor and Lynn Zelko of Watervliet; five grandchildren, Jeremy (Alexandra) Crow, Shea (Brad) Curtis, Casey McCormick, Jacob Zelko and Maren (Juvi) Alfaro; six great-grandchildren, Mathieu, Andy (Tatiana), Kevin, Katarina, Colby and Chloe; three brothers, Herbert "Red Hot" Cullum Jr., Noble Cullum and Randy (Sharon) Cullum; and many nieces and nephews.

Her parents, Herbert and Lula (Prevett) Cullum; a daughter, Rhonda McCormick; two brothers, Eugene Cullum and Gail Cullum; two sisters, Hazel Liebsch and Bea Alberda; and a daughter-in-law, Kathy Zelko, preceded Wanda in death.

Wanda's family will have a graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Hickory Bluff Cemetery.

Her family would like to extend a special thank you to the Country Manor staff for their loving care and friendship.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet is assisting Wanda's family with arrangements.

Leave a message of comfort for Wanda's family at www.hutchinsfuneral.com.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Berrien County officials want to move some offices and combine operations in others to squeeze more space out of the overcrowded Courthouse in St. Joseph.

But the proposed revamp is viewed as a temporary solution to the Courthouse's space problems. Eventually the county will have to build a separate administration building, officials said, probably in the parking lot across Port Street from the sheriff's department.

Three solid floors of courts have gradually taken over space in the county-owned building until nearly all other county offices are on a single level of the four-floor building.

35 years ago – 1985

Paul Harvey, owner of two McDonald's restaurants in the Twin Cities, presented McDonald's plaque for outstanding performance to Mike Hager, 15, an employee credited with reviving a customer who suffered a heart attack March 2 in the restaurant at 1681 M-139, Benton Township. Mike, a Benton Harbor High School junior, said he learned cardiopulmonary resuscitation as part of gym class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hager.

50 years ago – 1970

Clark Equipment Co. won the Sweepstakes award in Saturday's southwestern Michigan's Grand Floral Parade. The float, which pictured the founding of the United Nations, featured a globe through which live doves of peace were released along the parade route. Some of the doves preferred to perch on the float instead of exploring their newly acquired freedom.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, May 12, the 133rd day of 2020. There are 233 days left in the year.

Highlights in history:

On May 12, 2002, Jimmy Carter arrived in Cuba, becoming the first U.S. president in or out of office to visit since the 1959 revolution that put Fidel Castro in power.

On this date:

In 1780, during the Revolutionary War, the besieged city of Charleston, South Carolina, surrendered to British forces.

In 1922, a 20-ton meteor crashed near Blackstone, Virginia.

In 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey; his wife, Elizabeth, was crowned as queen consort.

In 1943, during World War II, Axis forces in North Africa surrendered. The two-week Trident Conference, headed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, opened in Washington.

In 1949, the Soviet Union lifted the Berlin Blockade, which the Western powers had succeeded in circumventing with their Berlin Airlift.

In 1955, Manhattan's last elevated rail line, the Third Avenue El, ceased operation.

In 1970, the Senate voted unanimously to confirm Harry A. Blackmun as a Supreme Court justice.

In 2001, singer Perry Como died in Jupiter Inlet Colony, Florida, at age 88.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Few Showers
52°	39°	59° / 53°	64° / 57°	61° / 55°	62° / 57°

Local Outlook

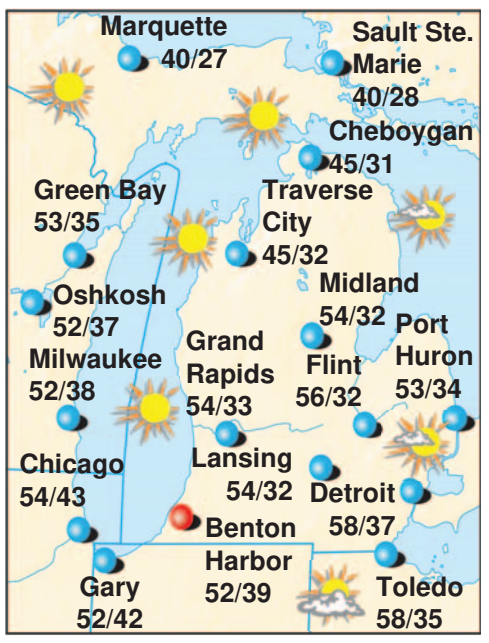
Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 52°, humidity of 48%. West northwest wind 8 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 39°. East wind 2 to 6 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 36°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:27 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:57 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 1:44 a.m.
Moonset ..... 11:02 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
5/14	5/22	5/29	6/5

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	46°
Low	39°
Normal High	69°
Normal Low	46°
Record High	89° in 2011
Record Low	39° in 2006

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.32"
Normal for month	1.42"
Year to date	12.56"
Normal Year to date	10.60"

Air Quality

Yesterday 34
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

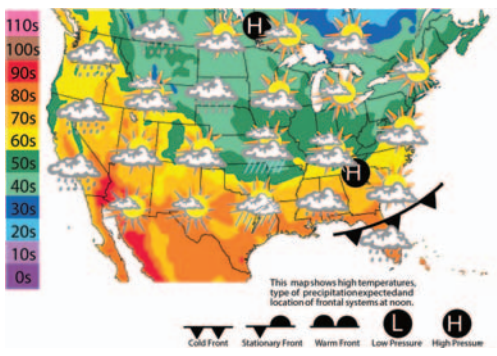
Weather Trivia

How fast does the average hurricane move?

Answer: Hurricanes usually travel between 15 to 20 miles per hour.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 12, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, WNW wind around 9 kt. Sunny. Waves around 2 ft. Water temperature 46 degrees. Tonight, NE wind 5 to 8 kt. Mostly clear. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 40s. West northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies Wednesday with isolated showers, highs in the 50s. Southeast wind 2 to 7 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the 50s. West northwest wind 8 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 50s and 60s. Southeast wind 6 to 10 mph.

Commission delays decision on gun ban at Michigan Capitol

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

Paul Sancya / AP

Protesters carry guns outside the Capitol Building in Lansing on April 15. A commission that oversees the Michigan Capitol has formed a committee to study whether to ban or restrict guns inside the building. The State Capitol Commission voted on Monday to seek input from the Legislature and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

LANSING — A commission that oversees Michigan's Capitol delayed a decision Monday on banning guns from the building before a planned protest against the governor's coronavirus restrictions, in a meeting that later ended abruptly due to racist and threatening messages posted in Zoom.

The State Capitol Commission voted to form a subcommittee to seek input from the Legislature, which is controlled by Republicans, and Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who has a ceremonial office in the Statehouse. The step – which was criticized by the governor and Democratic lawmakers – came less than two weeks after some lawmakers said they felt intimidated by armed demonstrators who entered the building openly carrying, including in a public gallery overlooking the Senate.

Another protest is scheduled for Thursday.

Commission members heard conflicting legal advice at their meeting. It ended early when "very racist and threatening" comments were made in a chat room function of the video-conferencing platform Zoom, which was how the public could participate, said panel spokesman and vice chairman John Truscott.

State Attorney General Dana Nessel, a Democrat, wrote a formal opinion stating the panel has authority to prohibit firearms in the building. Amy Shaw, a lawyer for the six-member commission who also works for a Republican senator, said it can only adopt rules and procedures related to the building's upkeep.

"A public policy-making decision of this magnitude rests with the law-making body of the state: the Legislature," she said, urging against a "hasty and unlawful decision" and recommending that the panel seek outside legal counsel.

Democratic legislators had requested immediate action to ban guns. Republican Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey urged the commission to meet with legislative leaders, state police, and House and Senate sergeants to "discuss the best policy going forward."

House Minority Leader Christine Greig, a Democrat, said she was "appalled" by the commission's decision to "shirk their responsibility. ... With very real threats of the continued presence of assault-style weapons at future meetings of the Legislature, and numerous and many specific threats of violence against legislators and statewide officials, this matter is not resolved."

Truscott, who was a top aide to a Republican former governor, said he personally does not like seeing guns in the Capitol but does not want the commission to overstep its bounds by relying on "people with political motivations to say one thing or the other."

Thursday's "Judgment Day" rally is being organized by Michigan United for Liberty, which recently sued to challenge Whitmer's stay-at-home orders and other directives to limit the spread of COVID-19, which has contributed to nearly 4,600 deaths and infected at least 47,500. The nonprofit group said Monday that Facebook erased its private, not public, group on Sunday.

A Facebook spokesperson confirmed the group was removed for violating the social media company's policies, specifically organizing a protest to defy government guidance on social distancing.

The Detroit Metro Times reported the move came after the newspaper had asked Facebook about people threatening violence against Whitmer and others on four private Facebook groups. Whitmer she said knows people are frustrated with her restrictions but added she was "very disappointed" the commission "didn't take action to keep legislators safe."

She said she was concerned about the safety of demonstrators who congregate without wearing masks.

"I'm increasingly concerned about the violent nature of the extreme comments that are being made around these organizations and groups that are coming together – the violent, racist, extreme rhetoric that has already been connected to Thursday's rally," said Whitmer, who called on GOP legislative leaders to denounce such threats.

House Speaker Lee Chatfield tweeted that "those making physical threats (to both parties) are out of line and should be punished. It's despicable. It's wrong. It needs to stop." Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey previously denounced some of the protesters and their tactics.

Michigan law does not prohibit people from openly carrying a gun in public, except in places such as courts and airports. They can carry a concealed pistol with a permit unless in schools, day care centers and other specified places.

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Panel to begin analysis of U.P. energy needs

LANSING (AP) — A state panel will begin a wide-ranging analysis Tuesday of energy needs in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The U.P. Energy Task Force will meet online from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Time will be set aside for public comments.

Two presentations are scheduled to provide overviews of the peninsula's energy landscape and electric power providers.

Those wishing to speak to the group are asked to send an email to EGLE-UPEnergy@Michigan.gov with "Request for Public Comment During May 12 Meeting" in the subject line and the speaker's name.

The panel is required to submit a report on U.P. energy issues and alternatives to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer by March 31, 2021.

In April, the task force sent Whitmer its recommendations on propane availability in the region.

She asked the panel to develop alternative solutions for meeting the U.P.'s energy needs, with a focus on security, reliability, affordability and environmental soundness.